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Sun Spots

Two seats open on Belle Glade City Commission
Two seats will be open for Belle Glade's Sept. 15 general election.

Seats currently held by Daniel S. Bythwood and Daniel R. Herring will be open to challengers. The first day to qualify for either seat is July 31 and the last day to qualify is Aug. 14.

City Clerk Debra Buff said the last day to register to vote in the Sept. 15 election will be Aug. 17 and if a run off election is required, it will be held Sept. 22.

"Mr. Funnybones" to be at library

Local youngsters are encouraged to come to the Belle Glade Branch Library on Monday, July 27 at 1 p.m. "Mr. Funnybones" will be performing. Sponsored in part by an Ezra Jack Keats grant, the performance is free and open to all children ages 3-7.

Two day session on leadership

Acting on the Vision will be hosting a two day Community Leadership Session on July 16 and 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The sessions will help build upon the internal leadership skills of participating Glades residents.

This is a part of a community-wide agenda to broaden the leadership base in the Glades.

The sessions will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center, located on the corner of Northwest 4th Street and Avenue H, Belle Glade.

Refreshments will be served followed by a barbecue for participants immediately following the July 17 session.

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HONORED FOR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION... Thomas Williams, postmaster of South Bay, was presented a pin in recognition of 45 years of government service. Shown, front row from left, are Ken Rushing, manager of post office operations in Orlando who presented the pin and certificate to Mr. Williams, Brenda Baker, Christian postmaster and Lela Bassett, postmaster Boca Raton. Back row, from left are Sand Padua, postmaster Canal Point, Ann Thomas, postmaster Moore Haven, Mark Simmons, postmaster Pahokee, John Massey, postmaster Lake Harbor, Bill Scroggins, postmaster Okechobee and Rosemary Dunn, postmaster Mt. Dora.

South Bay postmaster honored for 45 years of service

By Brenda Bunting

Thomas Williams was a little late for his own party, but then, he didn't know it was his party.

Mr. Williams, postmaster in South Bay for over 45 years, was surprised last week when he walked into Fat Boys Restaurant in South Bay and saw a group of postmasters gathered from around South Florida.

"I thought, boy, wasn't it nice for so many of them to show up for my little meeting," he said.

While they waited for the guest of honor, many of those gathered told "Thomas" stories - about his passion for fishing, his love and

dedication to his family, and his many years of service to the postal service.

Mr. Williams started his postal career in South Bay in the early '50s, but says he never dreamed he'd be there for the long haul. "When I went there I thought it would be for just three or four months. The pay was almost nothing and the hours were odd when I started, but I saw a future here," he said.

Starting off as a part-time, flexible clerk, Mr. Williams climbed the ladder to become a regular clerk in 1962 and then acting postmaster in 1966. In 1967 he was appointed postmaster by

Congressman Paul Rogers, a position he has held for 30 years.

Remembering the early days, Mr. Williams says he believes over 20 postmasters have served South Bay before he took the position.

Originally, the post office for South Bay residents was located at Okeelanta. When it moved to South Bay it was located in the old two-story building on Palm Beach Road and S.W. 3rd Ave. The dilapidated building still stands today, but is scheduled to be torn down. The postmaster at that time was Maude Harline who lived above the post office on

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Two shootings reported by Belle Glade Police Dept.

Two shootings just a day apart sent a man and a woman to St. Mary's Medical Center for treatment.

Belle Glade Police say the shooting on July 8 has been ruled accidental after Shahin Haque of 656 Ranchero Road, Belle Glade, was wounded under the left arm by a juvenile. Haque told police he and the youth were handling a "TEC09" semi-automatic pistol when the weapon discharged, striking Haque in the arm pit.

He was flown to St. Mary's

Medical Center, treated and released. Police say the incident is still under investigation.

Another shooting the next day may have been a case of being in the wrong place and the wrong time of night. Officers responded about 12:26 a.m. on July 9 after hearing gunshots in the area of S.W. 5th Street at S.W. Avenue B. Police say they was an older model four-door sedan living the area at a high rate of speed; the vehicle was followed to Glades General Hospital where it was discov-

ered that a passenger in the vehicle, Yesinia Puente, 22, has been shot in the upper thigh and lower abdomen.

Witnesses told police they saw the car stopped on the side of the road when an unknown man, wearing a mask and armed with a gun, jumped into the car and began to rob the occupants.

The identity of the driver of the Sedan was not released.

Puente was flown by Trauma Hawk to St. Mary's Medical Center for treatment.

Pahokee Pioneer Martha McIntosh dies at 92

Pioneer Pahokee resident Martha McIntosh, 92, died early Tuesday morning, July 14. A Florida native who moved to Pahokee from Wauchula in 1936, Mrs. McIntosh was a former school teacher who taught in Panama City from 1928-1932. She taught school in Pahokee for part of 1936.

She was a graduate of Rollins College, Winter Park, where she received the Alger-nood Sydney Sullivan Medal upon graduation.

Love active in the business, civic, and religious community, she organized and served as first president of the Pahokee Garden Club in 1936. She grew many of the Royal Palm trees which now adorn Bacon Point Road and supervised their planting in the late 1930's. She continued her interest in gardening all her life through her membership in the Pahokee Garden Club and by giving of her time and talent in many other beautification projects around the city.

She was a member of the Pahokee Woman's Club, the FAF Club, the Saddlecreek Quilters of North Palm Beach, Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Colonial Dames.

A long-time member of the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee, she served on the building committee for the present sanctuary. Her late husband, Harry Mason McIntosh, purchased the Bank of Pahokee, now First Community Bank of Palm Beach County, in 1936.

Following his death in 1961, she served on the board of directors until 1995. In 1995, Mrs. McIntosh recognized for her contributions to the community by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce who presented her with the Pioneer of the Year Award.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Julia Mathis and two brothers, Robert and Joseph Mathis.

Surviving are her daughter, Annette Stubbs and her husband, Sidney, of North Palm Beach; one son, Kenneth McIn-



Martha McIntosh

tosh of Port Salerno; granddaughters Melanie Chitwood of Palm Beach Gardens, Natalie Haynes of Memphis, Tennessee, and Lexley Nuxal of Orlando; grandsons Harry McIntosh of Sanford and Scott Stubbs of New York City; great granddaughters Christiana Haynes and Lady McIntosh; great grandsons Matthew Haynes and Zachary Chitwood; sister Wilhemina Corbin of Fort Myers; nieces Ginny Henderson of Fort Myers, Barbara Pope and family of Pahokee, Vicki Mathis of Panama City, Ann Della Rocca of Massapequa, New York, and Martha Mount of Washington, DC; nephews Tom Corbin of Fort Myers and William Corbin of Seattle, Washington.

The funeral service for Mrs. McIntosh will be Friday morning, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. Rev. Delbert King, pastor, will officiate.

Interment will follow in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Friends may call at James A. Bennett Funeral Home today (Thursday, July 16) from 5 to 7 p.m.

Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Martha McIntosh City Beautification Fund, 1631 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee, 33476, or the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, has charge of the arrangements.

• Save Our Rivers •

By TWILA VALENTINE

In the ninth part of this series, we continue looking at the individual projects contained in this planning document. It is the South Florida Water Management District's 1998 Land Acquisition and Management Plan.

It includes the individual projects planned and which cover the district's 16-county area.

Revenues for land acquisition were set up in the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Some of those lands are purchased with Preservation 2000 funds. Both of those funds are administered by the

Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

• Frog Pond

The Frog Pond is located in south Dade County and covers approximately 10,450 acres. The project includes 5,200 acres of agricultural lands known as the Frog Pond. It also includes 5,250 acres of "transitional lands," located north of the Frog Pond.

Currently, the district has acquired 6,853 acres, some of which were purchased with CARL funds. There remains 3,782 acres to acquire.

The purpose of the project is to increase the hydropattern of the marshes in eastern

Everglades National Park and to improve freshwater flow to Taylor Slough and Florida Bay. Under the district's interim plan, the groundwater table will be maintained at

Ninth in a series

higher levels to promote increased discharge into Taylor Slough.

The US Army Corps of Engineers General re-evaluation reports call for a floodway to be located in the Frog Pond

agricultural area. This will simulate the natural hydro-patterns for delivering water to Taylor Slough. It will use the natural vegetation and the soils to cleanse the water before discharge into Everglades National Park and restore the connection between Taylor Slough and its headwaters.

Observation of seagrass die-offs, mangrove losses, reduced fisheries and algal blooms provide strong evidence that Florida Bay is declining under current water management practices.

Capital improvements, such as canals, levees, weirs and

pumps will be limited to those necessary to achieve the proposed water resource benefits. Removal of existing canals and levees along the western boundary of the Frog Pond will be examined as part of the re-evaluation report. The area will be managed in accordance with plans to restore Taylor Slough and Florida Bay.

• Indian River Lagoon

This project consists of two tracts on Hutchinson Island in St. Lucie County. These are mosquito impoundments located between State Road A1A and the Indian River. The lands represent the only unde-

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Medical Services

Eating right: what does it all mean?

Is it just my imagination or has eating right gotten so complicated lately that you need a master's degree to determine what's good for you?

It used to be that in elementary school they taught you the four food groups and told you to eat something from each group every day, and that was pretty much it. That and eat your breakfast.

Now we have good cholesterol and bad cholesterol, saturated fats and unsaturated fats, free radicals and antioxidants to deal with. Instead of a cookbook, I need an encyclopedia.

The whole hoopla over free radicals really confused me. When I first heard the term "free radical," I thought it meant a member of a South American junta. "Antioxidants"

sound like Californians protesting cruelty to oxen.

When someone would lecture me on the need for antioxidants to eliminate free radicals, I didn't want to admit I had no idea what they are talking about. As the terms came up more and more in the news, I decided I couldn't just keep ignoring them.

So I looked them up.

It's amazing what you can learn at your local library.

It turns out that free radicals are electrically charged atoms generated by every cell in the human body. A free radical is an atom with an unpaired electron. According to "Eat Smart, Think Smart," by Robert Haas, free radicals are a by-product of breathing. He states that we can't live with too many of them but we also can't live without them.

"They are essential to a variety of metabolic reactions in the body involving the synthesis and metabolism of protein, fat and carbohydrates. Our immune systems would be useless without the free radicals they generate to kill invading microbes. Left unchecked, however, free radicals can damage the delicate external framework of cells and can cause cancer by injuring DNA, the genetic material that makes each of us unique," he states.

In a healthy body, some free radicals are put to good use and the others are neutralized by the body's own antioxidants.

An antioxidant, it turns out, is a substance which slows down the oxidation of hydrocarbons, and thus helps check



By Katrina Elksen, Contributing Editor

deterioration. (That's according to Webster's New World Dictionary.)

According to Mr. Haas, the environment we live in may cause our bodies to produce too many free radicals. He states that cigarette smoke, a high intake of polysaturated fats (tell Polly to saturate those fats), X-rays and air pollution can all produce free radical chain reactions that cause the body to produce more free radicals than it can use or neutralize. These extra free radicals can then damage other cells in the body. (Polysaturated fats, according to Webster, are fats which have more than one double or triple bond in the molecule. What ever that means, apparently Americans are consuming too many of them.)

The theory is that because we have too many free radicals, we can balance it out by taking in more antioxidants.

Antioxidants include:

- Vitamin C, found in broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, grapefruit, kale, kiwi, lemons, oranges, papayas, peppers, potatoes, spinach, strawberries, tomatoes and watercress;

- Vitamin E, found in almonds, corn oil, peanut oil, walnuts, wheat germ and whole-grain flour;

- Beta-carotene, found in apricots, asparagus, broccoli, cantaloupe, carrots, endive, iceberg lettuce, kale, mustard greens, pumpkin, spinach, squash and sweet potatoes;

- Vitamin B1, found in Brewer's yeast, chick-peas, kidney beans, beef liver, Navy beans, pork, brown rice, salmon, soybeans, wheat germ and whole-grain flour;

- Vitamin B-2, found in beets, chicken, fish, peanuts, pork, salmon, sunflower seeds, swordfish, tuna, turkey and veal.

- Vitamin B-5, found in blue cheese, corn, eggs, lentils, lobster, meats, peanut butter, soybeans, wheat germ and whole-grain flour;

- Vitamin B-6, found in avocados, bananas, carrots, lentils, brown rice, salmon, shrimp, soybeans, tuna, wheat germ and whole-grain flour.

- Vitamin B-12, found in beef, cheese (blue and Swiss), clams, eggs, fish and milk;

- Folic acid, found in barley, beans, endive, fruits, chick-peas, green leafy vegetables, lentils, oranges, peas, brown rice, soybeans, sprouts and wheat germ;

- L-carnosine, found in eggs, fish, meat and milk; and,

- Selenium, found in bran, broccoli, cabbage, celery, chicken, cucumbers, egg yolks, garlic, calf's liver, milk, mushrooms, onions, wheat germ and whole-grain flour.

Mr. Haas is of the opinion that it is difficult to consume enough antioxidant-rich foods each day, and suggests the use of multi-vitamins.

However, the body does not absorb vitamins in pill form as efficiently as it absorbs the nutrients in foods, so don't rely on pills alone.

And don't forget to eat your breakfast.

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(NAPS)—When Nancy Armstrong, 45, boarded a Northwest flight bound for North Carolina, she expected an uneventful trip. But when she stopped for a connecting flight, she suffered an epileptic seizure. "I didn't know where I was or what was going on," she recalls. Luckily Northwest's gate agent, Kris Parlee, did. "I'd been working at the ticket counter and I saw Nancy hit the floor. I called 911, then looked for identification that would tell me who she was or who I could call that might be expecting her." She found none.

What she did find was Ms. Armstrong's Medical Alert bracelet, a body-worn identification tag whose toll-free number enabled her to reach Med Alert's 24-hour Emergency Response Center. Its operators, reading from Ms. Armstrong's computerized medical file, informed Ms. Parlee that the traveler suffered from seizure disorders and multiple drug allergies. She communicated that information to paramedics. Ms. Armstrong credits Ms. Parlee's quick response and her Medic Alert emblem with "saving my life."

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Where is commissioner Babb?

"This is a citizen of Pahokee who would like to ask a question. Where is Commissioner Keith Babb? Is he still around?"

We never see him in or around Pahokee. We never see him at any of the activities in Pahokee, none of the church services. I think the only time he is seen in Pahokee is when he shows up for city commission meetings. Is he still around?

The other commissioners and the mayor are seen around town, but we never see or hear anything from Commissioner Keith Babb, Jr. Does he still exist?

Please let me know in your 'Speak Out' column. We would be very grateful."

Commissioner Keith Babb responds:
"Dear concerned Pahokee citizens. You

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Letters to the Editor

Gun-Owners Coalition disagrees with Nelson's stand on gun control

Dear Editor:

As president of the statewide Florida Gun-Owners Coalition (with members in all 67 Florida counties), I wanted to alert the gun-owners in your area to the position of Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson on gun rights.

In an August 28, 1990 St. Petersburg Times article, Mr. Nelson said he was in favor of the complete ban of some rifles and also took the liberal stand of a seven-day "cooling-off" period. Most people know that "cooling-off" periods only affect law-abiding citizens and not the criminal who is going to break into your home and rob you at gunpoint. The criminal is still going to get his gun in spite of any "cooling-off" period.

With these kinds of "soft" positions on crime, it is no wonder that the Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) unanimously voted to endorse Bill Nelson's opponent, Tim Ireland. I know Tim Ireland to be a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and also know that he will not take the liberal stands that Mr. Nelson has taken on gun rights.

So, keep your eyes open during this election year. Many politicians, like Bill Nelson, will say they support the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but upon closer examination, their record shows otherwise.

Sincerely,
Chad Barber
President of the Florida Gun-Owners Coalition
Lehigh Acres

There is a difference

Dear Editor:

There is a difference in the way business is operated today as compared to yesterday. As you begin to read this you might think I am whining about the "good old days" when life was simple - a lot more simple. And I personally believe it was. We are now living in the era of

big business and big government.

I grew up on a farm. During my childhood our barn burned to the ground. All the neighbors helped to build a new barn. With the loss of the barn, we also lost the hay and grain that we had to feed our livestock for the upcoming winter. Our neighbors also shared with us hay and grain so that we could care for our livestock. A good share of that area has now been bought by conglomerates or big corporations. Do they really care about you individually?

In my hometown - or "Hometown U.S.A." - there were two home-owned drug stores or pharmacies. Any time these stores were closed, if you had an emergency, they would gladly meet you at the store to fill your needs or special order what you might need. Now in my home town or "Hometown U.S.A.", there are shopping centers with chain pharmacies to serve you, but do they really care about you individually?

I could keep on giving examples of big business and government getting bigger - bank and big insurance company mergers - increased government bureaucracy. Again, do they really care for you individually?

May I give you one last example? In my profession, those who have chosen to serve in this profession refer to it as the funeral profession. People who are not involved in the profession often refer to it as the funeral industry or even as the death industry. Today there are conglomerates in the business of owning several funeral homes for the purpose of profiting from the funeral industry, as they may call it. Do they really care for you individually?

In my hometown or in "Hometown U.S.A.", with the funeral home that is privately owned and the funeral director lives among the people, you will find a caring person more than willing to serve your every need in your time of sorrow. That is the way it was in my hometown and I served my internship under.

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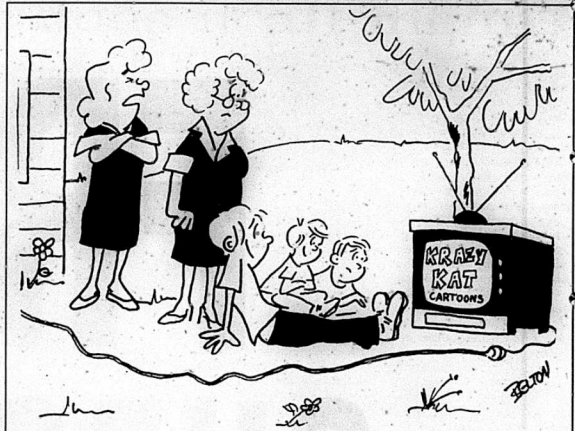
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Homeowner's Equity can save taxes

By Jack Barr
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The purchase of a home is the single largest purchase most Americans will ever make and that home ownership usually provides the single largest source of tax savings.

Most home buyers are aware of the significant income tax savings they can enjoy by deducting the interest on their first mortgage each year. However, not as many know that after a few years their home's equity can be a source of low-cost, tax deductible funds.

"This has considerable tax planning implications for all taxpayers who have outstanding debt where the interest is not currently tax deductible," says Clarence Rose, a finance professor at Virginia's Radford University.

"The use of borrowed funds from home equity debt is not restricted," noted Rose. Homeowners may use the money borrowed for any purchase, including paying off high interest credit card debt, and still deduct the interest expense as an itemized deduction, provided the debt limits are not exceeded and the debt is secured by the taxpayer's primary or secondary residence.

Current tax code allows a deductible limit of up to \$100,000 for home equity debt (\$50,000 for a married individual who files a separate return). Home equity debt includes second

mortgages, equity lines of credit and any other homeowner's debt, other than the first mortgage, that is secured by an equity line of credit, says Rose.

This equity line of credit offers homeowners ready access to low-cost funds for emergencies, opportunities or debt consolidation. In most cases, home equity debt is available at a lower cost than non-equity secured loans.

Lending institutions are aggressively competing for homeowners equity lines of credit by offering, in some regions, no closing costs and loans up to 90 percent of current market value. In a few rare situations, says Rose, homeowners may secure an equity line up to 100 percent of their home's current market value.

If a couple has a home with a current market value of \$165,000 and still owes \$50,000 on their first mortgage, a lending institution granting home equity loans up to 90 percent would be willing to establish a \$98,500 line of credit for them. If the couple borrowed the entire line of equity, the interest expense would be deductible as an itemized deduction for the married couple because it is within the tax law's \$100,000 limit.

"High-income taxpayers do face some restrictions in deducting equity interest expense," says Rose. "But for any homeowner who has equity, he or she also has a valuable tax savings opportunity at his or her disposal."

Humble wildflowers could be a money-saver for state

Planting wildflowers along Florida highways could save the state millions of dollars by cutting moving costs and stabilizing roadside soils, says a University of Florida researcher.

While that might seem like a simple move for the state to make, horticulturist Jeff Norcini says it's more complicated than it seems.

Not just any wildflowers will do.

For flowers to thrive in the scorching heat and arid conditions along Florida roads, they should be Florida natives, says Norcini, a native wildflower specialist in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

But yet, he said, would be growing them from seed collected from native wildflowers. But before the state can plant its roadsides with these local ecotypes of native wildflowers, Norcini has to develop seed sources for them.

The native seed is crucial, he said. In the past, the state has tried planting roadsides with wildflower seeds from other states but with limited success, especially in hotter climates south of Orlando. The flowers were adapted to conditions in their home states, and variations in their growth habits hinder them on Florida highways.

"The Florida Department of Transportation currently purchases all its wildflower seed from outside state sources because there are no seed pro-

ducers in Florida who sell large quantities of seed," Norcini said.

The local ecotypes of native wildflowers, which have evolved under Florida conditions, should better withstand the stresses of Florida growing conditions, such as insects, diseases, heat, humidity, rain and drought, Norcini believes. In the Midwest, he said, several states already recognize the benefits of using local varieties of native wildflowers and grasses on their roadsides and encourage their use.

"I suspect the native-grown seed of wildflowers will perform better on our roadsides than seed purchased commercially from other states that may not be adapted to our conditions," Norcini said.

Norcini began his research in 1996 and immediately ran into a roadblock. He looked from the Keys to the Panhandle but could find no commercial source of seeds for native wildflowers. So he and his coworkers began roaming highways and natural areas, stopping to collect wildflower specimens and seeds.

He sent the specimens, collected with permission of various agencies and landowners, to the state Division of Plant Industry for identification and demonstration gardens in Monticello at UF's North Florida Research and Education Center.

The demonstration garden includes black-eyed Susans,

Indian blanket, different species of coreopsis (tickseed), lyre-leaved sage (cancerweed), partridge-pea, standing cypress (Spanish larksspur), beebalm, liatris (blazing star), beach sunflower, goldenrod and others. Many can handle full sun and scant water.

So how does his garden grow?

"These plants all perform well under North Florida conditions. And coreopsis, black-eyed Susan and beach sunflower can be found throughout much of the state," Norcini said. "And, when you get enough flowers on them, you can see them at 60 miles per hour."

At the research plots, Norcini is doing an evaluation between wildflowers grown from Florida seed and non-Florida seed. He also is conducting a seed harvest experiment and comparing the performance of black-eyed Susans derived from seed produced in Texas, North Florida and Central Florida, with help from UF research centers in Milton, Bradenton and Fort Lauderdale.

Developing a plentiful supply of seeds is a key to economically lining state highways and byways with wildflowers, considering the thousands of pounds needed, Norcini said. If a seed supply develops, he said, wildflowers likely could begin cropping up in state parks and in wildlife habitat restoration areas as well.



• Save Our Rivers •

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veloped parcels along the Indian River in St. Lucie County not in public ownership or for which no attempts for acquisition have been made.

Best management practices include installation of operable water-control structures that allow flushing of the mosquito impoundments during most of the year and the application of only biorational compounds to control mosquitoes. If these areas remain private and not under public ownership, mosquitoes are controlled with aerial applications of chemical pesticides. These private areas are also not connected with the Indian River, which deprives the estuary of an important source of mangrove detrital

matter.

These areas are critical to the management of the Indian River Lagoon. If they remain in private hands, water control structures to allow flushing of the impoundments cannot be installed.

The shallow waters of the impoundments are important nursery areas for approximately 80 percent of the commercial and sport fishery species in the lagoon.

Following construction of the dikes and the separation of the marshes from the estuary, most of the estuarine-related habitat function of the marsh were lost. Under county management, water control structures would be left open seven to eight months a year, allowing daily flushing and reflood-

ing of the impoundments. Besides mangrove and salt-marsh wetlands, the sites contain approximately 15 percent tropical hammocks and freshwater wetlands.

Management of the tracts would be the responsibility of the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control. Its current management practices promote environmental and hydrologic restoration and non-chemical control methods for mosquitoes. Control of exotic vegetation would be necessary.

The sites may have some use as bird watching and fishing sites and hiking trails could be constructed along the impoundment dikes, but it is unlikely that extensive recreational development would ever take place.

Crimestoppers



Margie Ann Barfield

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Margie Ann Barfield, who is wanted for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Barfield is a black female, 5'4", weighing 170 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of birth is August 14, 1953. Her Social Security Number is 266-23-0615. Her last known address was 1516

Spruce Avenue, Apartment 2, West Palm Beach. Her last occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of July 7, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Barfield, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made eight arrests the week of July 6-13.

Those arrested included: July 6 - Clarence Butler, 43, felony retail theft.

July 7 - Bruce Henderson, 32, retail theft.

July 8 - Eddie McBride,

26, felony domestic violence; Joey Veloh, 17, obstruction by fleeing.

July 9 - Juvenile, 16, littering; Tarvis Williams, 19, battery on a pregnant female, burglary, obstruction by a disguised person and resisting arrest without violence.

July 10 - No arrests made.

July 11 - Juvenile, 15, burglary, criminal mischief and obstructing an officer without violence; Juvenile, 15, burglary, criminal mischief and obstruction of an officer without violence.

July 12 - No arrests made.

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asked the question in the Sun newspaper, "Where is Commissioner Keith Babb?" Commissioner Keith Babb is alive and well in Pahokee. Thank you for your concerns. You mentioned the fact that you never see me in or around Pahokee, at any of the activities in Pahokee, at none of the church services. You wanted to know whether I was still around.

I have tried to attend as many community events as possible throughout the year. I take great pride in knowing that I am both visible and accessible to our citizens and the community.

There have been many community events and programs where I have spoken or given the greetings from the City of Pahokee when I was the only commissioner present. There are only five members of the city commission. Unfortunately, we cannot be at all places at all times.

Just during the past few weeks, I have attended the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Grassy Waters Festival planning meeting, two regular sessions of the Pahokee City Commission, two special workshops of the commission, met with a spoke to members of the Pahokee Church of God concerning the closing of our

hospital and how they could best assist with the economic redevelopment of our community, attended the Pahokee Church of God Pastor Second Anniversary Program, was present at the Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the City of Pahokee Recreation Department Stand for Children Program held in Pahokee where I was one of the guest speakers, and just recently (June 30, 1998) I attended the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church's 22nd Annual Session of the Sunday School Christian Workers Congress where I also spoke and helped uplift the offering. All of these events were held in Pahokee. I feel that I am a very active member of our community.

If there is a particular place, program, or event that the caller would like for me to attend, please invite me. I will be more than happy to meet with anyone or any group at any time.

Any citizen may reach me at home at 924-7755 or at work at 996-4807 or by my beep number at 936-7033 or through Pahokee City Hall at 924-5634.

You know, it is easy to point the finger, to judge, to criticize, to find fault in others. My motto has always been, if

you are not going to be part of the solution, then don't be part of the problem.

Working together, we can make Pahokee a better place in which to work, live and raise our family. God bless Pahokee and God bless you too caller. Thanks for caring enough to speak out."

Lyons Park needs more shade, not less

"Yes, I am calling in reference to them taking the trees out of Lyons Park. I know of two trees so far that they have removed from the park. If anything, the park needs more trees, not less."

We were just curious as to why the city is removing the trees. What's going on?

Belle Glade City Manager Lomax Harrelle responds: "The two Lyons park trees were removed due to rotting. The City of Belle Glade has been trimming and removing only dead limbs and trees from area parks to avoid possible damage caused by falling material. The parks in Belle Glade are used by the community for activities such as youth baseball and football, and the city is making every effort to avoid injury to anyone using the park."

Sun Spots



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"Welfare to Work"

Jean Carney from the Division of Jobs & Benefits is urging all Glades employers to get involved in the Welfare to Work program.

Beginning Sept. 30, 1998, there will be 80 families who will no longer be receiving government assistance. There are many tax incentives for employers who are willing to take part in the Welfare to Work program.

For more information, please contact Jean Carney or Doug Green at 992-1310.

Free seminar to learn about tax relief act

The Florida Department of Revenue invites all businesses that sell clothing or footwear to attend a free seminar.

During the period from 12:01 a.m. August 15, 1998, through midnight August 21, 1998, Florida law provides that no sales tax or discretionary sales surtax (also known as local option tax) will be collected on sales of clothing having a selling price of \$50 or less.

Business owners can learn

at this seminar about the tax free week on July 30 at 9 a.m. The seminar will be held at Palm Beach Community College, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. The seminar will be held in Room 122.

For additional information call the Florida Department of Revenue at 561-640-2800.

Support group for prostate cancer

Men in the area who would like to learn more about prostate cancer prevention, causes and surgical options are invited to help organize a Prostate Support Group.

Anyone interested in joining should call Lt. Albert Dowdell at 996-7254.

Poll Workers needed

Supervisor of Elections, Theresa LePore, is looking for poll workers in the Glades to work in the upcoming fall elections.

If you are a registered voter in Palm Beach County, have your own transportation, and are physically able to work a 14-hour day, this may be for you. Poll workers are needed

to work in many areas of the county.

Each poll worker is a part of the important process by which we Americans select our leaders and have a voice in our government," said Ms. LePore.

Please call 561-355-2650 and ask for extension 0217 to have a poll worker brochure or application mailed to you.

Crafters sought

The Glades Guild is looking for some new crafters and artists to display their work in the Glades General Store at Glades Unity Plaza, 425 West Canal Street North, Belle Glade.

There is no charge for this service. When the artwork or crafts are sold, the crafter then gets their money. To participate in the Glades General Store call Dorothy at 992-9500.

Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 646 complaints, worked 7 crime scenes and gave 16 traffic citations the week of July 6-12.

Those arrested included:

July 6 - No arrests made.

July 7 - Juan Martinez, 21, failure to appear; Tremaine Carrigan, 21, failure to appear; Bobby Stokes, 18, stalking and battery.

July 8 - Raymundo Vickers, 35, three counts of contempt of court; Juvenile, 13,

burglary.

July 9 - Tina Blue, 29, grand theft; Henry Williams, 54, domestic stalking; Cynthia Nixon, 26, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Lloyd Phillip, 41, possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

July 10 - Fannie Mae Logan, 35, failure to appear; April Ridford, 21, failure to appear; Richard Singleton, 21, grand theft auto; Juvenile, 14, two counts of contempt of court; Randy Craw-

ford, 31, armed robbery and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

July 11 - X.L. Polk, 23, failure to appear.

July 12 - Joe Green, 39, failure to appear; Owen Hinds, 24, aggravated battery on a pregnant woman; Jerry Seymore, 20, domestic battery; Johnathon Banks, 31, aggravated assault with a firearm, possession of a firearm and grand theft of a firearm.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests the week of July 5-11. They also gave 79 citations, 43 written warnings, handled 10 offenses, five incident reports, 70 misc. incidents and no accidents.

Those arrested included:

July 5 - Jabari Omar Harris, 22, simple battery; Erica Leksha Redmon, 19, aggravated battery; Omar Mohammad Musallam, 30,

violation of city ordinance for alcohol sales.

July 6 - Nemesio Mata, 34, aggravated domestic battery and obstruction by disguise; Luis Gregorio Mendoza, 41, domestic assault.

July 7 - Kenneth Dean

Murvin, 42, domestic battery.

July 8 - No arrests made.

July 9 - No arrests made.

July 10 - No arrests made.

July 11 - No arrests made.



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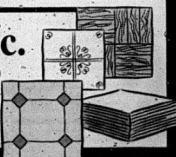
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Pahokee Church of the Nazarene to host the Trust Quartet



THE TRUST QUARTET...from left to right are: Ron Benton, lead; Buzz Beasley, bass; Joey Davis, baritone; and Rickey Smith, tenor. The exciting Trust Quartet, a Florida-based, Nashville recorded, southern gospel singing group will be in concert at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene, located on Bacom Point Road in Pahokee. The performance will be at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 19. Pastor Dever invites the public to this spiritual concert. For more information, call 924-7998.

Belle Glade Church of Christ to hold weekend seminar

A family seminar will be conducted July 17, 18 and 19, hosted by the Belle Glade Church of Christ, 125 NW Avenue D, Belle Glade.

Ten emphasis night will be Friday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. "Pierce My Ear" is the subject at that session, with a social hour for teens to follow.

Family emphasis night will be Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. "Balancing Life's Wheel" will be the subject discussed, with a social hour for young families to follow.

The family seminar will continue Sunday, July 19 with a session at 10 a.m. The subject will be "Can a Bride Forget Her Attire?" Following at 11 a.m. will be a session discussing "Pharaoh's Compromise." At 6 p.m. a session will meet to discuss "Christian Relationships". "We want to help our young people to a happier, better life.

Our homes should be a place of joy and peace, a mutual fulfillment of needs and happiness, truly 'Home Sweet Home'. God so designed it. Better homes make better communities and better nations," says Glen R. Harris, minister at Belle Glade Church of Christ.

"The Belle Glade Church of Christ wants to contribute to this as well as our eternal joy," he adds. The speaker at the sessions will be Richard "Dick" Harris of New Concord, Ohio (home of John Glen, Senator and space pioneer). Dick is a graduate of Preston Road School of Preaching, Dallas, Texas.

He has been the minister at New Concord Church of Christ for the past 15 years, where the congregation has just completed a new church facility. Dick will be accompanied by his wife, Sharon. Dick and Sharon

are the parents of three grown children and grandparents of three.

Also, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 18, the church will host a "Golden-Agers Day" for senior citizens to complete the family seminar weekend.

Saturday's event will include a period of singing. In addition, lessons will be presented by Dick Harris, Billy Davidson and Glen Harris. A special presentation for ladies will be presented by Helen Davidson.

Billy Davidson was born in Tennessee. He is a graduate of Freed Hardeman University, as is his wife, Helen. Billy is an instructor at the Florida School of Preaching and is in his tenth year as the minister of the Central Church of Christ in Clearwater.

For more information, call 996-3867 or 996-3830.



LAUREATE GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI...pictured left to right are: Seated front row - Virginia Anderson, Flo Jones, Echo Painter, Sue Kidder, Janis Fiehs and Gene Cross. Second row - Nancy Carpenter, Mary Francis Burke, Esther Walker, Jeanette Cearley and Jeanette Dexter. Third row - Lisa Hooker, Vivian Pate, Edie Kirchman and Dee Luce.

A fond farewell

Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi bids a fond farewell to a long-time sister and resident of Belle Glade.

Dr. Clarence and Mrs. Sue Kidder are moving to North Carolina to enjoy their retirement near some of

their children. Sue has been very active with this group for many years and will be sorely missed. She has held many offices in the chapter and recently served two years as secretary.

Sue and her husband were honored at a farewell dinner

at the home of Mrs. Robert Hooker. A hand-painted machete by the gifted artist Jeanette Cearley was presented after a nostalgic game of "We Remember When", in which most of the members and their husbands participated.

Local Zetas to attend national conference

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a community service organization with 100,000 members in the United States, Korea, Germany and the Caribbean, will hold its 78th National Leadership Conference July 18-24 at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Twenty members of the Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter, the Amice and Archonettes are preparing to journey to the national conference. The sorority will sponsor educational and informative workshops and seminars highlighting the current national program of work, the "Seven Point Plan of Action". The components of the plan include education, health and wellness awareness, drug and substance abuse prevention, economic development, chapter management, commu-

nity volunteerism and governmental affairs.

The sorority will also celebrate 78 years of providing outstanding community service by sponsoring a youth leadership summit, as well as have the support and participation of such prominent national partners as the American Diabetes Association and the March of Dimes.

Several well-known guest speakers will be featured, including Tony Brown, author and host of *Tony Brown's Journal*.

Tavis Smiley, author and host of *Black Entertainment Television's BET Tonight*, will host the teen summit.

According to Dr. Barbara West Carpenter, International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., "the conference

signals the last official gathering of the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - in this century."

A special celebration is planned for the 50th Anniversary of the Amice (Latin for "friend") participation with Zetas.

"Participants will have an opportunity to not only reflect upon the rich heritage and accomplished past of this historical organization, but will be actively involved in planning and designing strategies to be used in setting a course for the 21st century and beyond," states Dr. Carpenter.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., whose principles are scholarship, service and sisterly love, was founded January 16, 1920 on the "campus of Howard University.

What are they up to? News of local folks from school and service

Hooker named to South College Dean's List
Glenda Hooker, a resident of Belle Glade, has been named to the Dean's list at South College in West Palm Beach.

In order to be eligible, students must earn a minimum of a 3.50 grade point average out of a possible 4.00, and be enrolled in at least eight quarters.

Salvatore completes ROTC training
Don R. Salvatore has completed a U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) field training encampment at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

The summer curriculum consists of orientation on jet aircraft, career opportunities, human relations education and equal opportunity training. Physical Fitness and survival training are also emphasized. The field training is normally attended by cadets between their second and third year of college.

The cadet is a student at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

Salvatore is the son of Carmen and Marylee Salvatore of Pahokee.

He is a 1996 graduate of Pahokee High School.

McVey promoted
Marine Sgt. Michael H. McVey, son of Jerry H. McVey of Canal Point and Dorothy D. Ginebra of Belle Glade, recently was promoted to his present

rank while serving with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

McVey was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1993 graduate of Christian Day School joined the Marine Corps in May, 1993.

rides, concerts and fireworks.

McCray is assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS *The Sullivans*, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

McCray joined the Navy in February, 1995.

Navarro graduates from Army school

Army Pvt. Jose C. Navarro, Jr. has graduated from the Food Service Specialist course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course trained the service member to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities. He also received training in baking, field kitchen operations and the operation of Army dining facilities.

Navarro is the son of Jose C. and Agapita M. Navarro of Belle Glade.

Carner promoted

Marine Cpl. Carl J. Carner, a 1994 graduate of Christian Day School, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

Carner was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He joined the Marine Corps in August, 1996.

McCray attends Fleet Week

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Audrey R. McCray, son of Willie J. Kitchen of Belle Glade, recently participated in the 11th annual Fleet Week celebration in New York.

McCray was one of 10,000 military service members who participated in one of the largest public salutes to the sea services.

This four-day event was held to honor the men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and to show the city's appreciation for their contributions to the nation.

The *Parade of Ships* included a total of 16 vessels, 13 from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard combined, as well as three ships from foreign navies. Other activities enjoyed by nearly 500,000 citizens included:

Williams given 45 year pin

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the second floor with her family. When she retired in 1946, her son, Eric, took over as postmaster. Eric Hartline retired in 1962 and Mr. Williams took over the job. The post office moved to its new location at 101 N.E. 1st Ave. in 1968 and remained there until the new post office was built two years ago at its present location on U.S. 27 South.

"When I started we had nothing but box service until 1981," said Mr. Williams.

"Then we established city delivery."

In those early days there were 115 rental mail boxes, said Mr. Williams. Today, South Bay's Post Office has grown to 790 rental boxes in addition to home and business delivery.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Betty Jo, live in Belle Glade. Their son, Thomas, Jr. and his wife, Terri live in Dunnell, Florida. They also have two grandchildren, Scott, 15, and Jennifer, 12.

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The first of a six-part series covering all the local high school teams and personalities.

The game of football is just that, a game. This is why their extraordinary dedication to family, friends, education, and God truly make these Pahokee High Blue Chip Seniors...

Three Of A Kind



The Double Edged Sword

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

One might wonder whether Emmanuel Hendrix has been cloned. A two-way starter and star for the Pahokee Blue Devil Football Team, Hendrix seems to do the on-field job of two men.

Yet this senior-to-be relishes the increased responsibility and exposure, preferring, instead to carry a double load.

Opposing squads have their work cut out for them, for as cornerback, Hendrix has consistently shut down his side of the field, severely restricting the opponent's passing game.

Hendrix's two interceptions last year are a mere understatement for his effect on the opposing game plan. Superior 4.34 40 yard dash speed gave him outstanding one on one cover ability and closing speed.

It's this lightning fast quickness that also enables Emmanuel to be such a game breaking threat at the halfback position. In limited duty, Hendrix boasted a 12 yard per carry average, finishing the year with over 700 rushing yards.

Off the field, Hendrix truly treasures the relationship that he has with Offensive Coordinator John Ford. "He's like a brother to me, and if it wasn't for John, my life would have been full of trouble," reflects Hendrix.

Double was no stranger to Emmanuel, up until he met Coach Ford in the seventh grade. Since then, Emmanuel says he tries "not to lead a stressed out life."

This worldly, guided attitude seems to be paying off, as Hendrix is proud to maintain a 3.0 grade point average in class, while measuring up his future opportunities at college.

Being pursued by several big-time college programs hasn't been any pressure at all, because Hendrix prefers to concentrate on his best course for achieving a degree in Sociology.

For now, he chooses to relish his friendships with Anquan Boldin and Kendrick Mosley, and especially enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Marquita.

Hendrix seems well aware of the path he will take, for as he put it, "If I put God first he'll allow me to accomplish my goals."



Catch Him While You Can

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

How do we define greatness? Skill is obviously an integral component, but what else?

Factor in two parts character, one part humility, and three parts leadership. Shake well, strain thoroughly, and you've got Anquan Boldin, Senior Quarterback for this year's Pahokee High Blue Devils.

Packaged into a chiseled 6'2", 200 pound frame, Anquan is a defined leader on and off the field. His superior arm strength, field vision, decision making capabilities, and bona-fide 4.39 40 yard dash speed have every major college football coach drooling, calling and writing. Boldin will write his own college football ticket and likely re-write college records books along his storied way.

A three year varsity starter for the Blue Devils, Boldin has been recruited by major college football since the end of the ninth grade, something altogether unheard of.

Yet, setting new standards seems to be the status quo for this two-time, first team, all-state selection. Accounting for nearly 3,500 yards in total offense last season was merely another stepping stone towards greatness for this athlete, student, and citizen.

Off the field, Anquan prides himself on his lasting friendships and true dedication to his education and contribution to the community.

Carrying a 3.10 grade point average into his senior year, Boldin shows great awareness as to the temporary nature of athletic potential, and the need for a solid educational foundation.

"Football doesn't last forever," says Boldin, "and I'd like to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice." In fact, Boldin was adamant in his desire to consider education first in selecting his choice of college.

Out in the community of Pahokee, Anquan Boldin tries to be just another regular guy. While living with his grandmother Jonnie Mae Banks, Boldin loves to hang out with his "boys," among them, Kendrick Mosley and Emmanuel Hendrix.

He values the positive synergy this friendship has generated, as the time spent together results in friendly competition on the field, on the basketball court and in the classroom. Most important is the "looking out" each does for the other, ensuring that all remain focused and away from trouble.

Anquan hasn't quite gotten used to his burgeoning celebrity, though, recalling fondly how "weird it felt" when some younger boys asked him for his autograph following a game last season.

Get used to it Anquan. They're sure to be the first of many.



A Quiet Star

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

Soft spoken, reserved Kendrick Mosley doesn't really know what to make out of all this attention.

Football is fun for Kendrick, and the implication that the game will prove to be more than just that is hard for him to believe.

The fact that the world is opening up for him in the form of enormous educational and social opportunities is a fact that's just beginning to sink in.

"Knowledge first, football second," Mosley demands, "that's why I'm looking at a career in Criminal Justice." The 6'2", 165 pound wide receiver seems to have it all planned out.

First, making his decision on which college to attend based on educational criteria, and second, doing his absolute best to contribute to the football team.

These are the principles instilled in him by his parents Lily and Denorse, and are truly evidenced by his outstanding 3.10 grade point average.

Mosley's 4.5 40 speed helped him to better than 20 catches for more than 300 yards last season, and as for this year he said only, "let's just say I'm looking for a big year."

The best of times, Kendrick shares, is the time spent on the field and town with his friends Anquan Boldin and Emmanuel Hendrix. Each "has a role in each other's success," both on and off the field, says Mosley, "because if you live in trouble, you'll get in trouble."

It's this kind of bond that makes Kendrick Mosley so unique, for when most teenagers are grabbing what they can, no matter the cost, his concerns lie with his family and friends.

Their well-being is vital, and his contribution that much more important.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULES

GLADES CENTRAL HIGH: BELLE GLADE 4A / 15		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/05/98	A	Pope John Paul High School
09/18/98	A	Clewiston High School
09/25/98	H	Wellington High School
10/09/98	H	Fort Pierce Westwood High School
10/16/98	H	Cardinal Newman High School
10/23/98	H	Suncost High School
10/30/98	H	Olympic Heights High School
11/06/98	A	Forest Hill High School
11/13/98	A	Pahokee High School

GLADES DAY SCHOOL: BELLE GLADE 2A / 13		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	H	LaBelle High School
09/11/98	H	Benjamin School
09/25/98	H	John Carroll High School
10/02/98	A	Frostproof High School
10/09/98	H	St. Edward's School
10/16/98	A	Gulf Coast H.S.
10/23/98	A	King's Academy
10/30/98	H	Key West High School
11/06/98	A	Moore Haven High School

PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL: PAHOKEE 3A / 14		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	H	Wellington High School
09/11/98	A	Dwyer High School
09/18/98	A	Suncost High School
09/25/98	H	Jupiter Community High School
10/02/98	A	Atlantic High School
10/09/98	A	Palm Beach High School
10/23/98	H	Pope John Paul High School
10/30/98	H	Forest Hill High School
11/06/98	A	Cardinal Newman High School
11/13/98	H	Glades Central High School

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POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 2,527	1. M. McLaughlin, 2,499	1. Jack Sprague, 1,769
2. Mark Martin, 2,475	2. Matt Kenseth, 2,496	2. Ron Hornaday Jr., 1,743
3. Dale Jarrett, 2,429	3. D. Einarhardt Jr., 2,487	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,689
4. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,390	4. Randy LaJoie, 2,209	4. Jay Sauter, 1,531
5. Rusty Wallace, 2,307	5. Elton Sawyer, 2,115	5. Tony Raines, 1,506
6. Bobby Labonte, 2,305	6. Tim Fiedewa, 2,113	6. Stacy Compton, 1,465
7. Terry Labonte, 2,216	7. Buckshot Jones, 2,083	7. Randy Tolson, 1,353
8. Jeff Burton, 2,134	8. Phil Parsons, 2,047	8. Mike Wallace, 1,349
9. Jimmy Spencer, 1,968	9. Hermie Sadler, 2,037	9. Rick Cavali, 1,343
10. Dale Earnhardt, 1,961	10. Mike Dillon, 2,002	10. Bryan Reffner, 1,333

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon (1) | 6. Bobby Labonte (5) |
| Third ain't bad | Due for another win |
| 2. Mark Martin (2) | 7. Rusty Wallace (6) |
| Neither is second | It's been so long |
| 3. Dale Jarrett (4) | 8. Terry Labonte (7) |
| His time of year | Qualifying problems |
| 4. Jeremy Mayfield (3) | 9. Bobby Hamilton (9) |
| Starting to struggle | Just fair in New England |
| 5. Jeff Burton (8) | 10. Dale Earnhardt (9) |
| Persistence pays off | Overshadowed by Skinner |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Irvin
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	J. Gordon	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CHF 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schneider
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Jarrett	Elliott
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Martin	J. Burton
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Burton	W. Burton
Oct. 4	UAW-GM 500, Concord, N.C.	Jarrett	G. Bodine
Oct. 11	Winston 500, Talladega, Ala.	T. Labonte	Irvin
Oct. 25	Dura-Lube 500, Avondale, Ariz.	Jarrett	Hamilton
Nov. 1	AC-Delco 400, Rockingham, N.C.	Hamilton	B. Labonte
Nov. 8	NAPA 500, Concord, N.C.	B. Labonte	G. Bodine

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WHERE: California
Speedway, Fontana
WHEN: Sunday,
July 19
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Todd
Bodine
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Steve
Park, Chevrolet,
175.157 mph, Oct.
18, 1997.
RACE RECORD:
Todd Bodine, Pon-
tiac, 145.083 mph, Oct. 19, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Last
year was the first BGN appearance
here.

ALMOST HOME COOKING

Once when leaving Pocono International Raceway, we got desperate and decided to go in any direction necessary to avoid traffic. Lo and behold, we wound up in a town known as Effort, and the Effort Diner became a favorite of ours. Try the pork chops.

NOTABLE: Since California gets a Winston Cup off date, expect a good number of Cup drivers on hand to compete for the big payday.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES
COMING UP: No Fear Challenge



Park

WHERE: California
Speedway, Fontana
WHEN: Saturday,
July 18
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mike
Bliss
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Mike
Bliss, Ford, 173.198
mph, Oct. 17, 1997.
RACE RECORD:
Mike Bliss, Ford,
137.195 mph, Oct. 18, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Last
year was the first SuperTruck appear-
ance here.
NOTABLE: Mike Bliss is not only the
defending champion, he is also the
winner of the recent race at the
Milwaukee Mile.

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

In a race last year, Rusty Wallace was about to win when he "jumped the start" after a caution near the end of the race. He was black-flagged and sent to rear of the pack, thus costing him the victory. In this year's Pocono 500, he jumped the start at the beginning of the race and was again black-flagged and sent to the rear of the pack.

In this year's The Winston, Jeff Gordon jumped the start and NASCAR threw the yellow flag and restarted the race, with Gordon still in the front row.

Why does NASCAR have one set of rules for Rusty Wallace, and a different set for Jeff Gordon?

Darrell Bradford
Rolla, Mo.

Dear Darrell,

We do not contest your points, but we would like to clarify two of them. One, in the first example, at Martinsville, that black flag did not result in a Gordon victory! Jeff Burton won that race. Two, The Winston and the Busch Clash, both of which have had scoring controversies this season, are not regular Winston Cup races and are thus conducted under different rules. For instance, in 1994 a restart was held at The Winston when Dale Earnhardt jumped the start. That is not the procedure in a points race.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week, Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Frank Stoddard grew up in New Hampshire, so it was particularly significant for Stoddard, crew chief of Jeff Burton's Exide Battery-sponsored Ford, to return to New England and coordinate Burton's first victory of the season.

ON THE MARKET

NASCAR SpeedPark is now open in the South Carolina resort city of Myrtle Beach, and the facility promises a truly unique racing experience suitable for every age group and driving style. Check back with us next week for a more complete review of what is being called the "ultimate" go-kart complex.

TRIVIA

- Who won his first major race in the 1967 National 500 at Charlotte?
- What was the nickname of Clifton Martin?
- What engine builder has won the most races in NASCAR history?

Answers:
1. Buddy Baker
2. "Doc" Lee
3. Maurice Petty

AROUND THE GARAGE

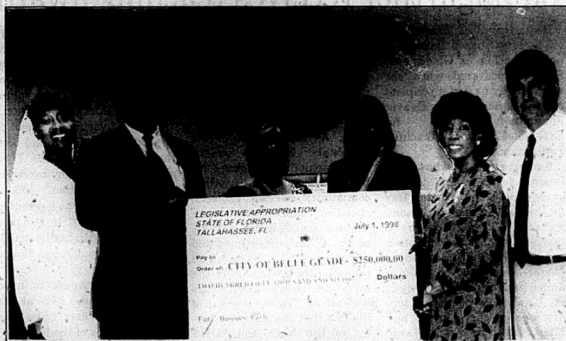
Joe Nemechek has fond memories of New Hampshire

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
LOUDON, N.H. — New Hampshire International Speedway will always hold a special place in Joe Nemechek's heart. During the formative years of Nemechek's NASCAR career, Dale Earnhardt took a special interest in the Florida driver's career. Nemechek made his Winston Cup debut here in 1993, but the biggest moment of his career to date occurred in 1992, when he outduelled Earnhardt to win a Busch Grand National race at NHIS. At the time, Nemechek was considered

kind of a protégé to the veteran champion, and it was extremely rare for Earnhardt to be outduelled by anyone anywhere; much less a lowly Busch Grand National racer. That victory may have given Nemechek the boost in confidence he needed to join Winston Cup. "Joey had won his first race at IRP (Indianapolis Raceway Park) the month before, but to win against Dale (Earnhardt) really proved something to a lot of folks," said Martha Nemechek, the 34-year-old driver's mother. "Dale had done so

much for Joey when he first got started — maybe he taught him too well." **NO SURPRISE HERE:** As expected, Bob Hanner officially fired — he would no doubt prefer the word "released" — driver Todd Bodine this week. Though widely held blackless by those in the know, Bodine qualified for only seven races with Hanner's new Pontiac team. When Loy Allen was given a chance to drive the No. 35 car at Daytona — a chance that never materialized when the race was postponed — Bodine's

fate was sealed. Gary Bradberry took over as driver at New Hampshire. **THE COMMISSH:** NASCAR lost its longtime commissioner when Simon E. "Bunkie" Knudsen died at age 83. Knudsen, a former executive at both General Motors and Ford, has not been seen in public for years, but his name often came up when a driver appealed a suspension. Knudsen, once a close friend of NASCAR founder Bill France, was supposed chairman of the commission which oversaw such matters.



A CHECK FOR \$125,000 was presented to the City of Belle Glade by several elected officials on Tuesday, July 14. Shown, from left are: Veronica Boone, legislative assistant to State Rep. Addie Greene, Rep. Rick Minton, District 78, Gail R. Schwartz, senior legislative assistant to Sen. Steven Geller, District 29, Tracey Peters, senior legislative assistant to Sen. Tom Rossin, District 35, Rep. Addie L. Greene, District 84, and Belle Glade Mayor Steve Weeks.

Belle Glade receives grant for Business Park

In an effort to diversify the city's economy, the City of Belle Glade has been working for more than six years for the creation of additional year-round employment. In 1997, the Florida Cabinet, sitting as the Land Trust Board of Trustees, approved Belle Glade's application to purchase 50 acres of state land for the development of a business park located at Curlee Road and State Road 15.

The City of Belle Glade was assisted in its efforts to acquire the land for development by seeking a \$250,000 Legislative Appropriation for the purchase of the land and other related costs by Representatives Addie Greene and Rick Minton, and Senators Tom Rossin and Steven Geller.

"Belle Glade is in desperate need of expanding the economy through diversification," said

City Manager Lomax Harrelle. "The business park is vital to the economic future of the community because it will provide more year-round employment. City staff and I are pleased to be able to work towards this goal with the invaluable assistance of our state representatives," he went on to say.

Belle Glade was awarded the \$250,000 funding request by the State of Florida. On July 14, Representative Addie Greene and Legislative Assistant Tracey Peters of Senator Tom Rossin's office presented the \$250,000 Legislative Appropriation to Belle Glade Mayor J. Stephen Weeks, who accepted the check on behalf of the city.

"This funding will be instrumental in assisting the city with the expense of establishing the business park. The City of Belle Glade is extremely for-

tunate to have the support of the members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation who have made it possible for the city to access this appropriation," said Mayor Weeks.

"Tax-free" week good for consumers and merchants

Shop-a-holics will have a good excuse to head for the malls in a few weeks. The 1998 Florida Legislature passed a law establishing "tax-free week" to run from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, through midnight on Friday, August 21. According to the law, clothing and shoes priced at \$50 or less will be exempt from Florida's six percent sales tax as well as local-option sales taxes during that week.

The Department of Revenue is, in cooperation with legislative staff and retail/business groups, has developed guidelines for merchants to follow when selling clothing that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for a one-week period in August.

The tax break will not apply to certain items. For example,

items that will remain taxable include accessories such as watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands and belt buckles. In addition, clothing-like items which normally aren't considered everyday streetwear, such as protective sports gear or costumes, will remain taxable during the designated week.

To assist merchants in complying with the law, the Revenue Department has prepared a Tax Information Publication that contains examples of tax-free and taxable items, as well as guidance on how to handle issues such as gift certificates, rain checks, store coupons, lay-aways and other sales transactions.

David J. Roberts, vice president of governmental affairs for the Florida Retail Federa-

tion, said the Revenue Department has included retail and business associations in drafting the guidelines. "The department has tried to anticipate the situations that retailers might face in handling sales transactions during the tax-free week," Roberts said. "Everyone wants the week to go smoothly so merchants and customers can benefit from this unique opportunity."

The tax exemption is based upon the sales price of each item, not on the total bill for all merchandise a customer may buy. Therefore, customers don't have to buy each clothing item separately to get the tax break. They can put everything on one bill, even if they are buying other items that are taxable. Customers also can buy an unlimited number of clothing

items priced at \$50 or less and still get the tax exemption on each qualified item.

Customers can't get a partial tax exemption on clothing priced above \$50. For example, if a dress is priced at \$60, the entire sale is taxable. There is no tax break on the first \$50 of the price of the dress.

The department is mailing copies of the tax guidelines on clothing sales to all Florida sales tax dealers. The Revenue Department has established a toll-free line for merchants who may have questions about the tax-free week. It is 1-800-850-7847. In addition, starting in July the department will begin holding seminars for merchants. The seminar in Belle Glade will be held July 30 at 9 a.m. at Palm Beach Community College, Room 122.

Finally, El Nino is over

By Mike Lyons

The most talked about weather event since Hurricane Andrew is finally going away. After one year of chaotic weather patterns around the world, including record rains in California and deadly tornadoes here in Florida, the strongest El Nino in recorded history is apparently over.

Recent satellite photographs from NASA verify the sea surface temperature in the Pacific Ocean has cooled dramatically. The huge strip of warmer-than-normal water, which at its peak measured two and one-half times the size of the United States, is back to normal levels. Yet, while the El Nino may be over, scientists say it might still have an impact on the world's weather. Specifically, the weather of hurricanes. A new study indicates our part of Florida is more likely to be hit by a strong hurricane this year than in most other years. The reason? You guessed it - the El Nino.

Jim Lushine, an El Nino expert and a meteorologist at the National Weather Service Miami office, reviewed 116 years of data on past El Ninos and South Florida hurricanes that followed. Jim discovered that the coming and going of El Nino doubles the odds that a hurricane will hit the East Coast of Florida. "It's as if the El Nino lit the fuse," Jim told the Associated Press. "It's something waiting to go off."

Jim's research found some striking coincidences: In 1992, following a strong El Nino, Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida. In 1926, after another strong El Nino, a major hurricane slammed into Miami, and in 1919, a hurricane succeeding an El Nino roared over the lower Florida Keys killing more than 600 people.

Still, Jim admits these past El Ninos were not nearly as strong as the El Nino of 1997-98. The only El Nino that comes close was the El Nino of 1982. Only one major hurricane formed during the 1983 hurricane season - Alicia - and



MIKE LYONS

she hit Texas, not Florida. Meanwhile, climate and weather experts are waiting and wondering what is going to happen in the Pacific Ocean. The sea surface temperature has been dropping rapidly - as much as 12 degrees in the past month - leading some to predict a coming La Nina.

Normal sea-surface readings off South America's west coast range from the 60s to the 70s Fahrenheit. In an El Nino they often exceed 80 degrees, but during La Nina, the easterly trade winds strengthen, cold upwelling off Peru and Ecuador intensifies, and sea surface temperatures there fall as much as 7 degrees below normal.

Like its counterpart, La Nina tends to be strongest during the Northern Hemisphere winter, and it typically lasts one to two years. La Nina's effects include an increased hurricane threat in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.

That was certainly true during the La Nina of 1995. The 1995 hurricane season was wild, producing 19 named storms, 11 hurricanes and five major storms. Florida was hit by three hurricanes that year - Allison, Erin and Opal. Obviously we'll have to wait and see what happens this hurricane season. But, it seems clear that the temperature of the water thousands of miles away has a profound effect on the weather in Florida. Whether it's the El Nino or La Nina, in the opinion of many experts the forecast is for stormy weather.

Mike Lyons is the chief weatherman at WPBF-TV.

Legislation geared to deterring gang activity



The Florida Legislature's gang legislation includes Florida Statute 874.01, which deals with street terrorism enforcement and prevention.

Under this statute, the Legislature finds that it is the right of every person, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, or handicap, to be secure and protected from fear, intimidation, and physical harm caused by the activities of criminal street gangs and their members. It is not the intent of this chapter to interfere with the exercise of the constitutionally protected rights of freedom of expression and association. The Legislature recognizes the constitutional right of every citizen to harbor and express beliefs on any lawful subject whatsoever, to lawfully associate with others who share similar beliefs, to petition lawfully constituted authority for a redress of perceived grievances, and to participate in the electoral process.

The Legislature finds, however, that the state is facing a

mounting crisis caused by criminal street gangs whose members threaten and terrorize peaceful citizens and commit a multitude of crimes. These criminal street gang activities, both individually and collectively, present a clear and present danger. The state has a compelling interest in preventing criminal street gang activity, and the Legislature finds that the provisions of this act are necessary to maintain the public order and safety.

It is the intent of the Legislature to eradicate the terror created by criminal street gangs and their members by providing enhanced penalties and by eliminating the patterns, profits, proceeds, instrumentalities, and property facilitating criminal street gang activity, including criminal street gang recruitment.

Under Florida Statute 874.06, any person or organization which establishes by clear and convincing evidence that it has been coerced, intimidated, threatened, or otherwise harmed in violation of this chapter shall have a civil cause of action for treble damages, an injunction, or any other appropriate relief in law or equity. Upon prevailing in such civil action, the plaintiff may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Florida Statute 806.13 addresses Criminal Mischief. Under this law, a person commits the offense of criminal mischief if he willfully and maliciously injures or damages by any means any real or personal property belonging to another, including, but not limited to, the placement of graffiti thereon or other acts of vandalism

thereto. Any person who violates this section may, in addition to any other criminal penalty, be required to pay for the damages caused by such offense.

In addition to any other penalty provided by law, if a minor is found to have committed a delinquent act under this section for placing graffiti on any public property or private property, and the minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver's license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or withhold issuance of the minor's driver's license or driving privilege for not more than one year.

If the minor is ineligible by reason of age for a driver's license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of the minor's driver's license or driving privilege for not more than one year after the date on which he would otherwise have become eligible.

Gang-related crimes carry harsher penalties

16 GANG TIPS FOR PARENTS
Tips for parents to keep kids away from gang influence

- * Stay involved with your children. Keep in contact with their schools. Meet their friends.
- * Set boundaries. Let your child know what the rules are and make sure you enforce them. Be consistent in discipline.
- * Encourage your child to be active in groups and activities that have a positive influence, such as Scouts, 4-H, FFA, church groups, school-sponsored clubs and sports teams.
- * If possible, volunteer to help at

your child's school or with a youth activity they enjoy.

- * Know where your children are and who they are with: "Don't drop pre-teens off unsupervised at a movie theater, bowling alley, or mall, especially at night. Younger children dropped off in front of a movie theater might wind up hanging out with older teens in the parking lot instead of going in to see the movie. Remember, gangs target children ages 11-13 for recruitment.
- * Keep the lines of communication open. Encourage your child to talk to you about their problems.
- * Don't leave children unsuper-

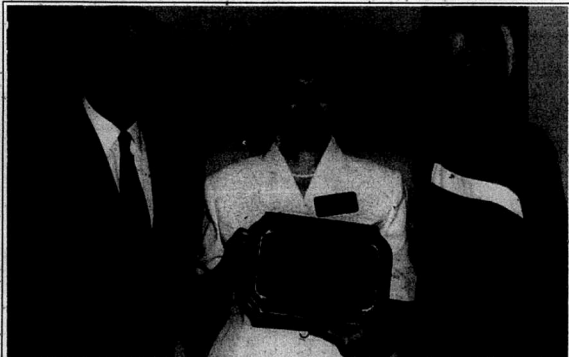
vised. Pre-teens who are home alone after school make easier prey for older gang members who might hang around the neighborhood.

- * Make sure you schedule some regular family time when parents and children can sit down and talk about what is going on in their lives. Getting the whole family to the dinner table at the same time may only be possible a few times a week, but keep making the effort. Teens who join gangs are often seeking a sense of family that they don't find at home.
- * Watch for any signs of gang activity, such as a change in your

child's style of dress or graffiti on notebook or book bag. If you think your child may be involved in a gang, seek help from a school counselor or school resource officer.

* From infancy, teach your children about values and morals. Research shows many personality and character traits form in the first five years of life. Talk to your children. Read to them. Set a good example.

SOURCES: National Gang Prevention Task Force, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, Department of Juvenile Justice and the Austin Police Department Gang Suppression Unit.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE—Mrs. Sharon Baumgartner, a junior high English teacher at Glades Day School, receives a plaque and congratulations from Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga and tennis legend Chris Evert for receiving the 1998 Deaver Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Performance at dinner/awards ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale.

Emergency ride home program kicks off in Palm Beach County

Free taxi rides for commuters who experience an emergency at work are now available in Palm Beach County.

This program, developed by the Florida Department of Transportation and Gold Coast Commuter Services begins on Monday, June 22, 1998. An "emergency" is defined as a need to leave work due to illness, family matters or unexpected overtime. Commuters are eligible if they carpool, vanpool or ride transit at least three times a week, work in Palm Beach County, and live in or within 50 miles of Palm Beach County. In order to use the program, individuals first need to register in Commuter Services' rideshare database.

An overwhelming response to the Emergency Ride Home program in Miami-Dade county has led Commuter Services to expand the program to Palm Beach County. The pilot program, which began on May 15, 1998 in Miami-Dade County, received over 500 applications in the first month.

"We are ecstatic with the initial response to the Emergency Ride Home Program," states Catalina Estrada, Project Coordinator. "We have received hundreds of calls and applications. Companies want to pro-

vide the program as a benefit to their employees and transit agencies are joining in our efforts to provide to their riders."

Palm Beach Transportation, a taxi service, has been contracted to provide the free trips.

and will work in conjunction with Commuter Services.

"We are looking forward to a great response to the Emergency Ride Home Program in Palm Beach County," says Estrada. "Many commuters" have already

Dedication does indeed pay off, as Mrs. Sharon Baumgartner, a teacher at Glades Day School, discovered when she was recently named a recipient of the Michael J. Deaver Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Performance.

Baumgartner, who has taught seventh and eighth grade English at Glades Day for the past 14 years, was nominated for the award by a teacher/parent/administration committee. She received a plaque and a \$1000 prize at a dinner and awards ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale hosted by tennis legend Chris Evert and Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga.

"Mrs. Baumgartner has always shown a sincere commitment to educating our students," said Mandy Perez, the

school's headmaster. She makes sure all of her students grasp the fundamentals of grammar before leaving her class."

Her time with the students is not just limited to the classroom. As the sponsor of the National Honor Society, Baumgartner is a guiding force behind the members in their community service projects, spending many extra hours working alongside the students on the Thanksgiving Food and Christmas Toy Drives, and pounding the pavement for the American Heart Association's Walkathon. She was proud of the fact that the school's chaplain, the NHS and NJHS

raised over \$6000 in the 1997 Walkathon, the largest amount of any single group in the area.

"We always have a large contingent of students who volunteer to walk in the Walkathon," said Baumgartner. "Some of our kids really go out and beat the bushes for donations. They all know it's a worthy cause for the Heart Association."

Baumgartner, who is a native of Indiana, moved to Pahokee, 15 years ago with her husband, Steve, and daughters, Stacie and Julie.

"We feel fortunate to have Mrs. Baumgartner here at our school," said Perez. "She was truly deserving of the honor."

Belle Glade Elementary recognizes McDonald's

Belle Glade Elementary School recognizes the Glades Area McDonald's for continued support of Glades schools during the 1997-1998 school year. Mr. Steven Nisbet, owner of Glades Area McDonald's, has shown himself to be a true business partner in the Glades community and its schools through his donations and sponsorship of various fund raising activities.

All Glades schools were given an opportunity to participate in a designated school night at McDonald's wherein the school received 15% of the gross sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Schools passed out McDonald's vouchers with the school's name. School staff worked at McDonald's for the evening greeting guests, cleaning tables and keeping track of purchases made with vouchers from the participating school.

Schools were also given the opportunity to participate in McDonald's coupon night for Halloween and Valentine's Day. Gift coupons were sold for a dollar and the schools kept 50% of the sale price to be used as desired by the school. At Belle Glade Elementary the funds were used to provide incentives for students and classes with good attendance.

Glades McDonald's donated certificates for free french fries for outstanding students and free hamburgers for students who read ten books. These yummy rewards were given to students with excellent behavior, grades or test scores. Belle Glade Elementary included the reading coupons as part of the Reading Roundup Celebration and overnight camp out at Belle Glade Elementary. McDonald's also provided cups, drinks and coolers.

Do you know a good environmental citizen?

If you know of an individual or organization that deserves to be recognized for the outstanding job they are doing in conserving Florida's environment, this is the time to nominate them for one of the state's most prestigious environmental awards.

Application forms are now available for the 1998 Environmental Public Service Awards presented by Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. The Annual Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. Awards Program promotes environmental awareness, recognizes the environmental achievements of Florida's public and private organizations, and publicizes successful environmental programs. The Awards Program honors programs and activities which sustain individual responsibility, positive citizen action, and public/private partnerships for environmental protection.

Categories include: Outstanding Personal Contribution; Business and Industry; Media/Public Relations; Clubs and Community Organizations; Schools/Youth; and Government. Applicants, including self-nominations, need to submit a 500 word program summary with supporting documentation by Friday, July 24, 1998.

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"We know there are many Floridians who consistently volunteer for environmental projects," said Ivan Lawyer, KFB board member and Awards Committee Chair. "They are our unsung heroes and we want to recognize them for their ongoing commitment to conserving Florida's unique environment."

Finalists will be notified in writing by September 4, 1998. Winners will be announced and presented with one of the organization's coveted, trademark, recycled glass award at the KFB Awards Banquet on Friday, October 16, 1998 at the Bellevue Biltmore Hotel, Clearwater.

Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. is the state's leading, non-profit, educational organization in the area of solid waste management. This past year, the organization again received top national awards from its parent organization, Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Applicant forms can be obtained by calling (850) 385-1528 or by writing to: Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., 2615 N. Monroe St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303-4027.

Employees honored by Southern Gardens Citrus

Southern Gardens Citrus employees were praised for an excellent year and honored for their hard work at the company's third Employee Appreciation Ceremony, held at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston on June 25.

The awards presented were based on the company's Five Star Philosophy, which includes safety, teamwork, attitude, quality and productivity. The success we've had at Southern Gardens directly correlates with the work that our employees do," Tristian Chap-man, vice president and plant manager said. "Our people know that we depend on them, and everyone works together to get the job done. That's why we continue breaking records in every aspect of the business."

The awards ceremony recog-

nized both team members and supplier-partners who have contributed substantially to the success of the 1997/98 processing season at Southern Gardens.

Jerry Grace, senior vice president of U.S. Sugar Corp., gave Southern Gardens employees an overview of the latest company developments and complimented them on their achievements. Southern Gardens also received U.S. Sugar Corporation's President Award for Safety. The processing plant had the lowest accident rate in the company.

Southern Gardens had an excellent year, processing 16 million boxes of oranges into 100 million gallons of juice. For the second consecutive year, the company had the best extractor utilization worldwide.

Swanson named Director of Adult Services for Glades Area ARC

Cynthia Swanson, M.S.W., has been named Director of Adult Services for the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens.

A native of Northern Kentucky, Ms. Swanson attended Eastern Kentucky University for her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice,

and Marywood University for her master's of Social Work degree. She moved to Florida in 1994 to administer an outpatient program serving chemically dependent adolescents in Palm Beach County. She has a 10-year-old son who will be attending a magnet middle

school in Riviera Beach.

Ms. Swanson has an extensive background serving adults with developmental disabilities including 10 years administrative experience and supervision of clinical, support and direct care staff.

As Director of Adult

Services Ms. Swanson will oversee the daily operations of the ARC's Adult Day Training Program and Sheltered Workshop as well as the Supported Employment Program, seeking employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

shop.

•**Limit television.** Kids who watch too much TV often don't read enough, so limit screen viewing. Encourage reading of the TV listings in the paper or TV Guide. Watch programs together and discuss what you've seen. Rent videos based on books.

•**Be creative.** Have your child write and illustrate a book about herself. Begin telling a story, and have your child provide the ending. Write down family stories and traditions and read them together. Gather your child's friends to read a favorite book, then play games based on the story.

Your example has a very significant influence on your child. Let her see you reading, and she will have a more positive attitude. If you know a child whose parents cannot help him to read this summer, offer to read with him. Once school starts, remember that reading daily is still important to your child's school success.

"What did you do on your summer vacation?" Help your child to answer with enthusiasm, "I learned!"

The ABCs of summer: Adults, books & children

"What did you do on your summer vacation?"

"Unfortunately, for many American children, the answer is 'I forgot.'"

Did you know that children who don't read during the summer months lose ground by the fall? This "summer reading drop-off" has a predictable, corrosive impact on student achievement, particularly for disadvantaged kids. Summer reading activity can help students maintain their school year gains, catch up to grade level, or even get ahead! That's why a grassroots movement is sweeping America to get children reading daily, especially during the summer.

Children who are deprived of enriching summer experiences lose the most academic ground. But summer learning loss affects all students. When teachers must spend four to six weeks at the beginning of each school year reviewing, there is less time to introduce new lessons. Child literacy activists across the nation are tackling this issue in creative ways, through book challenges, library programs, reading camps, bookmobiles, and read-

ing games at fire stations, bookstores and zoos.

The America Reads Challenge supports projects in every state to promote summer reading to tens of thousands of children. The eight week Read*Write*Now! program pairs adult learning partners with young readers. Each child is encouraged to:

• Read for 30 minutes daily, at least once a week with an adult.

• Learn a vocabulary word each day.

• Obtain and use a library card.

Upon completion of Read*Write*Now!, each child earns a coupon for a free pizza at Pizza Hut. Other reading programs offer incentives through sports teams, museums and local merchants.

Reading daily with a child is the most important contribution you can make to his academic growth. Here are some fun ideas to help a child to read this summer.

•**Call the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-USA-LEARN for free activity kits.** For children from birth through grade six, order Read*Write*Now!, with bookmark;

certificate and pizza coupon. For children from birth through age five, order Ready*Set*Read! for fun ideas and a free calendar and growth chart.

•**Visit the Library.** Allow your child to choose books that interest her, perhaps with fun summer themes such as baseball, traveling, wildlife, and hobbies. Schedule family activities that explore these themes, such as nature walks or sporting events.

•**Don't take a vacation from reading!** Books on tape are available for free at your public library. Bring some along to play in the car while traveling. Encourage your child to read books on your vacation.

•**Write to a pen pal.** Encourage your child to write to a far-away friend or relative over the summer, helping as needed to address and mail it. Share the excitement of receiving and reading letters written back to your child.

•**Demonstrate the uses of reading.** Help your child to read and follow a fun food recipe, such as cookies or pancakes. Read directions and use a map on a trip. Write a grocery list and read it together as you

Local girls shine at National AAU Track Meet



Geneeka Morris, 11



Anita Perkins, 12

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

The Glades Central Track Club boasts two rising stars on the national track and field scene in local girls Anita Perkins and Geneeka Morris.

Coaches Mike White and David Brannan held high hopes for this year's AAU National Club Championships, held July 6-11 at Orlando, Florida's Disney Wide World of Sports Facility.

The girls did not disappoint, as both performed superbly against top national competition in the meets most grueling event, the Pentathlon. Requiring effort in five individual events in one day, the Pentathlon is truly the sports benchmark in all-around athletic ability. The participants compete in the 80 meter hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump and 800 meter run.

Geneeka Morris, 11, competing in the Sub-Midget Division, more than held her own against the nation's best, placing first in three out of the 5

events, finishing in 2nd place overall with 2289 points.

Anita Perkins, 12, ran away with the Youth Division competition, placing first in four out of the 5 events, to finish in 1st place overall with 3152 points. Anita ran away with the event, finishing more than 600 points ahead of her nearest competitor. She will certainly be one to watch as she bursts upon the national track and field scene.

The Club's next stop on the circuit will be the National Junior Olympics, being held in Seattle, Washington on July 28-August 2. Coach White hopes to raise enough funds to support the trip and welcomes any individual or corporate contributions. "We always depend on the generous support of the local community," relates Coach White, "and we are truly grateful for all the help we can get." Anyone wishing to contribute to the Club's efforts is welcome to call Coach Mike White at 793-5159.

Small Town Appeal

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

I woke up this morning to the sound of basketball thumping in my driveway. Rolling over and trying to go back to sleep was out of the question, since I knew my car was parked directly under the hoop-in-harms way.

Now was as good a time as any to get up, grab some coffee, and read the morning paper, but first I needed to protect my only asset, that car so precariously placed under my 10 foot basketball hoop. I walked outside, my mind set on being furious that not only had someone waken me up and trespassed on my property, but that they had the nerve to be playing on my basketball court-right over my car.

Emerging from my house, it was clear that this was going to be no ordinary confrontation, as I was immediately struck by innocence. There in my driveway stood a little boy. He couldn't have stood any taller than 4 foot. I watched from a distance as he struggled to hurl that full sized ball to heights unimaginable. Effort would be an understatement in describing his angst.

You see, I'm from the big city, and my brain was telling me that this little boy would see me, turn and run. Yet when I stepped out from the doorway, he dropped the ball and began to walk towards me. Immediately, any negativity fled from my body as I was privileged to be greeted by Devin, a nine year old native of Belle Glade. Devin carried himself as a man, not a child, in introducing himself, and apologizing for not having asked permission before using my hoop.

I was dumfounded, not just by his willingness to approach and speak with me, but by his true candor and depth. It seemed that Devin possessed

qualities greater than many adults. Our conversations grew, expanding to his family, friends, hobbies, and schooling. Devin hated school, mostly math. I was sure to share my similar struggles- especially with mathematics. We shared a laugh.

It suddenly occurred to me how charming this little boy truly was, and I began to gain insight into my new hometown. I moved out of the city because I was more interested in people than things, honesty rather than envy. It's truly a testament to Devin's parents, the character

of this little boy. I'd be proud to raise my son to be so forthright.

After I returned to my house to get dressed for my first day on the new job, it struck me- I'd come to the right place. Devin might never know how grateful I am for his insight. Thanks, Devin.

Hunters chosen for annual Alligator Harvest

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has selected 789 persons to participate in this year's statewide alligator hunt.

The computerized selection was made from a total of 11,439 applicants.

This year's hunt takes place in two phases. The first is planned for September 1-15, and the

second will be September 16-30.

Each hunter is subject to a \$250 resident alligator trapping license, \$1,000 for non-residents.

Qualifying "harvesters" may take up to five alligators each.

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The Sun welcomes Philip Korn, sports editor, to its staff

The Sun newspaper is proud to welcome a new addition to the editorial staff. Philip Korn, a Florida native and graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, relishes the opportunity to report on your local sports news. "It's a true love affair, me and sports. Imagine, someone willing to pay me to cover what I love."

Philip "was born and raised a city boy." His move to Belle Glade was precipitated by many things, among them the appeal of the people and places unique to a small town. "We're excited to welcome Philip to our staff. I believe with his education and



Philip Korn

enthusiasm he will be a great addition to our editorial staff," said Brenda Bunting, editor and general manager.

"I would encourage all the coaches and players to keep an eye on our sports section. I know they will be pleased with all the positive changes Philip plans in the future."

Walt Reynolds' fishing

Well, maybe we finally moved into the normal rain pattern now. The lake is down to around 12 feet now. For those of you using the intracoastal waterway between the Gulf and the Atlantic, the Ortona Locks will be closed until late September for repairs.

There was some good fishing this past week, especially in the early morning hours using top water lures. There were also good catches made during mid-day on worms and Carolina rigs.

Steve Daniel reported excellent results on the edge of pepper grass using 10" Gambler Worms.

I will be making an appearance at Steve Moore Chevrolet in Belle Glade Saturday July 18th from 10am to 3 pm. I'll have my boat on display and will gladly answer any questions about fishing on the lake. I hope to meet many



Walt Reynolds



of my friends from the lake area.

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Automakers issue impressive fall lineup

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

This fall look for some big launches from some big-moneyed people.

"There are a lot of bread-and-butter-type cars coming out with a lot of people (manufacturers) shouting, 'Come and look at me,'" said Paul West, a partner

in Automotive Marketing Consultants in Vista, Calif.

Ready to be bathed in the ad spotlights are the new Honda Accord, Nissan Altima, Toyota

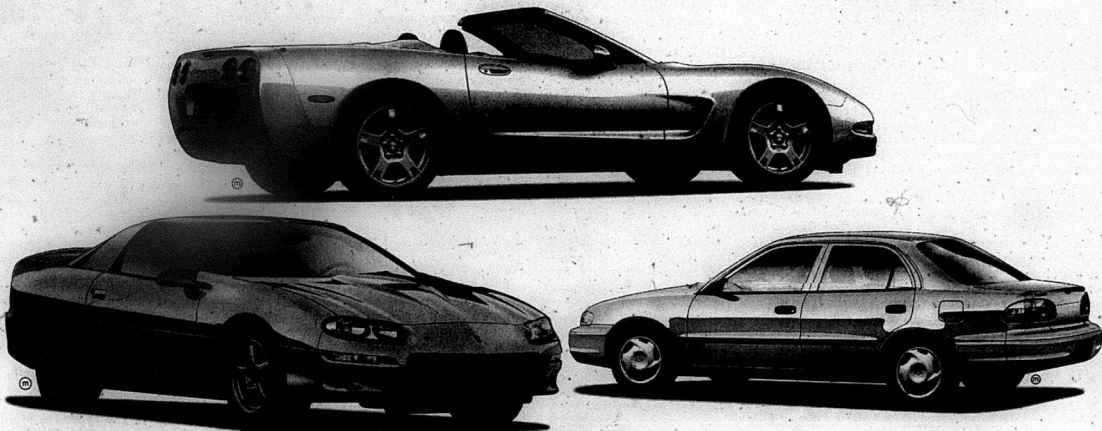
Corolla/Chevy Prizm and Lexus GS Series, a freshened Cadillac Seville STS and a Ford Taurus with new front and rear treatments.

From the truck side will come four new sport-utility vehicles: the Dodge Durango, the Mercedes-Benz ML320, the Lexus GX300 and the small

wagon-ute Subaru Forester.

No doubt we'll all be weary from the hype, but as West said: "You don't want to hear about something new when it's old."

CHEVROLET CORVETTE, CAMARO, PRIZM



About the only thing better than going 0 to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds is doing it topless, such as in the new Corvette convertible.

Same good features as the coupe, plus the body style was designed to be a convertible, so it should be far more solid than its C4 predecessor.

The top design features a one-touch down and a black headliner.

About the only change on the coupe is a new mag wheel choice.

The good news for the Camaro is that the Z28 (and SS model) gets a slightly less potent version of the Corvette's LS1 all-aluminum, 5.7-liter V-8. Instead of the Vette's 345 horsepower and 350 foot-pounds of torque, the Z28 has 305 hp and

335 torque.

(Chevy doesn't want the Camaro treading too closely to Vette territory, but its well-packed engine bay restricts the size of the air intake for more power.)

Look for a new hood, fenders and front fascia, and body color door handles. It's a more rounded look that picks up where last year's changes left off, which included a new rear-end treatment, tidied-up interior ergonomics and safety features.

General Motors' cars have gotten so good that it did away with its Geo division. It was a marketing party of three - the Tracker minisport-ute, subcompact Metro and compact Prizm sedan

to appeal to import buyers. Now the three models live under the Chevy roof.

Coinciding with the name change are some modest styling changes for Prizm, which is mechanically identical to the Toyota Corolla. Both are built at the GM-Toyota factory (New United Motor Manufacturing) in Fremont, Calif.

The most notable changes are the hood and front fenders that are more steeply sloped toward the front bumper. The car is also 2 inches longer and a bit taller and wider. (Its shape now is similar to Chevy's slightly larger, slightly more expensive Malibu sedan.)

Prizm will be the first compact sedan to offer the option of side air bags. It also features seat

belt pre-tensioners and force limiters to soften the blow in a collision.

You might also notice a steadier, quieter ride due to the addition of cross-car beams around the engine cradle and a rear stabilizer bar.

Perhaps most significant is the new and only engine choice, a 1.8-liter, all-aluminum, double overhead cam four-cylinder. It's rated at 120 hp vs. 100 hp from the old model and weighs 66 pounds less.

In June, 5,343 Prizms were sold vs. 18,218 Corollas. Maybe it's time Chevrolet put some advertising behind this undiscovered gem.

Pricing starts at \$14,118, an \$873 increase over the 1997 model.

LINCOLN CONTINENTAL/TOWN CAR

This will be a big year for the luxury division of Ford as it continues its re-imaging evolution to move itself in line for a slightly younger audience.

It started selling the 1998 Lincoln Navigator sport-utility in June; the redesigned Continental bows this fall, followed by the Town Car around Thanksgiving. (The Mark VIII was redone last year.)

All three of these Lincolns have a formal, full-bodied appearance that is reinforced with plenty of chrome. It's an American excess that somehow is supposed to translate as "deluxe," but it works here.

The Continental's look is aero yet muscular with styling changes that include a reshaped front and rear, wider headlamps, a toothier grille, larger taillamps and longer decklid.

The front fenders, hood and deck lid are made of sheet molding com-

pound (or plastic) that is lighter than steel and more resistant to dents and rust. It's also easier to reshape for future styling changes.

The comfy lounge-car ride is still in place, but revisions were made to take away the Clod 9 floatiness. Gas-pressurized shocks and revised spring rates reduce ride motion, while retuned tires and strut mounts smooth ride quality and eliminate even more outside noise.

The once-standard Driver Select System is now an option. It allows the adjustment of ride quality from plush to firm and high- to low-effort steering.

Other notable changes include:

An upgraded traction-control system that can shut off all but three cylinders while working with the anti-lock brakes to keep the vehicle under control.

Engine refinements that mean the 260-hp, 4.6-liter V-8 can run on regular unleaded instead of premium.

And, eyeglass and tissue holders in the overhead console, fuel-door and deck-lid buttons in the driver's door, standard daytime running lamps and headlights that turn on when wipers are activated, a pair of cup holders in the front console and a pair in the rear seat center armrest and a radio that adjusts the sound when you speed up or slow down.

Continental is offered in a five-passenger version with bucket seats up front or six-passenger version with a bench seat.

The Town Car was the quintessential lounge car on wheels. That's changing somewhat in this redesign. This 2-ton four-door is far more rounded with subtle wheel well bulges along its flanks. Still a six-pas-



senger cruiser, the Town Car is about 3 inches shorter, but a little taller and wider. The inside reflects the exterior's sculpted lines and loses a little in hip and shoulder

room.

Power comes from a 200-hp, 4.6-liter V-8 or a 220 version that runs in the top-line Cartier model.

HONDA ACCORD



Despite a news embargo in place at press time, an item in Automotive News reported that the all-new Accord sedan arrives with a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder base engine, a compact five-link rear suspension and a larger, more plush interior. The optional 3.0-liter V-6 from the Acura CL replaces the old 2.7-liter.

The coupe model will have a far more sporty shape and stance. Insiders say Honda was able to redesign the Accord with more for less without taking out any of the Japanese attention-to-detail.

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CONSUMER DEMAND

Buyers want practical cars at no-frills prices

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

As the 1998 new-car season gets under way, take some time to sit-back and enjoy the show.

The fireworks of advertising and marketing will be brighter this fall and coming year than at any time since the dark economic days at the start of this decade.

There are about two dozen new or redesigned cars and trucks waiting for their few minutes of limelight.

If there is one common theme among them, it may be a shift toward practical, more comfortable passenger-type vehicles.

There are some performance cars on the way, such as the Corvette convertible and new high-performance Lexus GS Series, but much of this new stock is of the bread-and-butter group of midsize or compact sedans.

Of the new vehicles are at least seven trucks, including the Nissan Frontier compact pickup, Mercedes-Benz ML320 and Lexus RX 300 compact sport-utilities, and Dodge's full-size sport-ute, the Durango.

In many cases the redesigned models - cars and trucks - have been reworked for less money and in less time with asking prices at or below their predecessors, but they come with more standard equipment.

This is especially true in the

midsize/compact sedans.

The base Nissan Altima, for example, is \$1,500 less than last year's model and it is roomier, quieter and is 1 mpg more efficient than its predecessor.

With manufacturers responding purely to market tastes and (buying) actions, look for bigger, more luxurious, more expensive and more gas-consuming vehicles, led by the growth of sport-utilities and more desirable pickups, said industry analyst Jim Wangers of Automotive Marketing Consultants Inc., with offices in Vista and in Warren, Mich.

"I think we are going to see a contest like none we've seen in a long time between the new Honda Accord, Nissan Altima, Dodge Intrepid/Chrysler Concorde, Olds Intrigue, a refreshed Ford Taurus and the Toyota Camry and Chevy Lumina," Wangers said. "I think the opportunity for success will lie in their ability to market them."

Last year there were 15.1 million passenger vehicles sold, including light trucks. Industry analysts are expecting about the same for 1997.

Subtract 2.5 million from that total for fleet sales and that leaves 12.6 million vehicles sold to individuals. That translates to about 6.1 percent of American adults 18 and over who bought a new car last year, according to market research by the Dohring Co. of Glendale, Calif.

The firm's 1997 National

Automotive Consumer Survey reveals a slight shift away from full-size trucks, vans and minivans toward passenger vehicles and SUVs (which are passenger vehicles for the most part).

"People are a little more attracted to cars now and certain comfort features and are more attracted to honest information provided to them than they are a lot of glitz," said Dohring analyst Sanford Block. The survey was a national sampling of 1,253 respondents qualified as intending to purchase a new or used vehicle from a new car dealership in the future. The margin of error was plus or minus 2.8 percent.

Of the types of vehicles that buyers intended to purchase in 1997: 54 percent were passenger cars (the same as 1996), 16 percent for trucks vs. 17 percent in 1996, 12 percent for sport-utility vehicles vs. 11 percent in 1996, 9 percent for minivans vs. 9 percent in 1996, and 2 percent for full-size vans, unchanged from 1996.

Of those surveyed, 73 percent intended to purchase a new rather than a used vehicle. However, 66 percent said the prices of new vehicles caused them to consider buying a used vehicle.

The survey also asks the \$15,000 question: Would consumers prefer to purchase a \$15,000 new vehicle or a higher-end used vehicle, now priced at \$15,000.

Results showed that 56 percent would purchase new, up

from 51 percent in 1996. Used car intenders dropped to 44 percent from 49 percent in 1996.

The study also found that vehicle safety equipment is much less important in consumers' buying decisions than it was a year ago.

There was a sharp increase in car buyers who said that driver and passenger air bags, side-impact air bags and anti-lock brakes are "not at all important" in their purchase decisions.

Buyers who said air bags are "very important" or "important" declined from 82 percent in 1996 to 57 percent in 1997. And those who said the safety devices were not at all important in their decision increased from 6 percent in 1996 to 24 percent in 1997.

There also is less interest in some of the more expensive options.

Power locks are OK, but there was less interest in cell phones, sunroofs and navigation or collision avoidance systems.

The Dohring survey also reported:

One-price selling has increased in preference, but negotiating the selling price is still "in."

The No. 1 thing consumers

look for in advertising is the price of the vehicle.

The new car (franchise) dealership is a strong retail method, and consumers have more faith in that system than the independents, such as so-called used car superstores, brokers, auctions, etc.

Average price of a new car is \$20,400; average price of a used car, \$12,070.

If they have to buy a used car, consumers would prefer it to be a manufacturer's certified used car.

The favorite car color is blue, but buyers will compromise on color first (over other items on their must-have list).

Sixty-three percent will use the Internet to obtain purchase information; 59 percent will use the Net to locate dealers/sellers; and 4 percent will purchase a vehicle on-line.

Of those who shop via Internet, 81 percent still have to test-drive the actual vehicle

before buying it.

"Overall, people would like to buy a passenger car or roomy SUV, and prefer it be new and with a warranty by the manufacturer," said Block. "They don't need a lot of fancy stuff but want the basics, such as air conditioning and a good AM-FM radio. And they want to buy their car from a dealer who will treat them as a human being and make them a nice deal."

"It's not rocket science," said Block.

COLLISION COURSE

Amid the skyrocketing red glare of booming truck sales is an issue that could quickly douse the fire, according to Wangers.

The growth in bigger, more powerful trucks is on a direct collision course with the government," he said. "Every day we hear more about EPA and CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) restrictions that will be placed on cars on American highways in terms of size and gas consumption. Yet consumer tastes more than ever - and it's obvious from a look at sales charts - are buying bigger, more powerful, less-economical vehicles."

The government wants electric and alternatively fueled vehicles and increased fuel mileage, yet Toyota is thinking of dropping its two most fuel-efficient and least-expensive models, Paseo and Tercel, because that is not where the market is headed these days.

"I'm afraid that an action from the government at some point will have to step up to this proliferation of big trucks and restrict owning and driving them as a replacement for the passenger car," Wangers said. "One move on the part of the EPA to raise mileage ratings a little bit will make these trucks and sport-utes almost impossible to build."

The V-6 midsize four-doors that have been so successful in this country will not be in trouble by CAFE restrictions, Wangers said.

MINIVAN EXEMPT

Of the growth in trucks, the minivan is much more in tune with a 1990s' vision from the

government of how transportation will have to go. They are not overly expensive, they are not gas guzzlers, nor are they mileage champs.

Maybe they are a necessary evil?

The minivan market is tied to the age of America. It was created by the baby boomers, and it appears not to be going away anytime soon, despite current lackluster sales reports.

Not even the new generation of hybrid minisubcompact sport-utilities can dent it, Wangers said. "With more and more babies coming, there is no reason to think the minivan will change its (sales) penetration. It is a MUST vehicle for a family for its utility and transportation."

What is happening now, however, is that baby boomer parents are becoming empty-nesters, the van goes down the road and the parents trade for something more desirable, Wangers said, often with the same utility of a van - which now happens to be a sport-utility.

THE NEXT BOOM

One market that will take a serious jump in the next five years is the teen-age market.

"There are more people under the age of 15 than ever before," Wangers said, pointing to the expansion of toy superstores and pricey athletic shoes. "Those people will become significant in the automobile market and it will be bigger than the baby boomer generation."

In another decade, this group will go on to make changes in the market.

The evolution of smaller sport-utility vehicles, such as the Subaru Forester, Honda CR-V and RX 300, have resulted in some pretty nice athletic shoes. "Those people will be bigger than the baby boomer generation."

Rapid growth in the minisport-utilities may take time because they are not priced significantly less than the compact sport-utes, and their fuel mileage is not a whole lot better, either, Wangers said.

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By Charlene Baldridge
Copley News Service

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Consumer corner: Helpful car rental tips

(NAPS)—"Should I take the coverage? That's the question most frequently asked by car rental customers. Although renting a car offers travelers the freedom and flexibility to go when and where they need to, many consumers are confused by damage waivers, refueling options and the like." By reviewing these helpful hints from the American Car Rental Association (ACRA), renters can steer toward a safe and enjoyable rental experience.

•Understand optional waivers. The optional Loss or Collision Damage Waivers (LDW or CDW) offered by car rental companies are not insurance. They are options that relieve a renter of financial responsibility if the vehicle

is damaged and, for some companies, if it is stolen while on rent.

Whether or not you purchase the optional waiver depends on your personal circumstances. It is best to ask your insurance carrier in advance if your homeowner's or automobile policy protects you, your belongings, your passengers or others.

•Review optional insurance products. Some car rental companies may also offer insurance coverage for liability protection, for your personal effects, and medical coverage for the renter and passengers who might be injured in an accident in the rental car. Supplemental liability insurance is often available for a daily fee from most

companies. Again, check with your insurance carrier in advance regarding these optional products.

•Check rental requirements in advance. Generally, rental companies have a minimum age requirement of 21 or 25. A current and valid driver's license is required of the renter and any additional drivers of the rental vehicle. Any recent violations or accidents may preclude you from renting from some companies, many of which

now conduct driver's record screenings.

•Check credit requirements. While car rental companies will accept payments of cash, check or charge at the end of a rental, most companies require you to present a major credit card at the time of rental to credit-qualify a customer. Some will not accept debit cards as security, but only for payment at the end of your rental.

•Shop for the best

value. Companies often advertise special rates. Many companies, associations, clubs and organizations have pre-arranged discounts for their members. Be sure to ask if you are eligible for any of these discounts—the savings can be substantial.

•Consider your seating and cargo space requirements.

•Request special driver's assistance equipment in advance.

•Reserve early. Be sure to reserve your car at the same time you make your other travel arrangements. If you call at the last minute, you're likely to pay a higher price.

•Make only one reservation.

•Review refueling

options. Most car rental companies now offer customers a number of refueling options. You can bring the car back full (or with the same fuel level as when it was rented); the company can refuel the vehicle for you, but will charge a per-gallon service fee; or you may pre-purchase a tank of gas at the time of rental for a flat fee and not worry about refueling the vehicle when you return it.

•Buckle up!
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(lightly cleaned and polished under the hood, and darkened in the case of the tires).

"Once the car is sold," said Latrach, "the customer is offered an exterior and interior protection package, which we recommend." The package includes paint sealant and vinyl, leather and fabric protection. Such a package costs in the neighborhood of \$300 and usually comes with a guarantee and maintenance kit.

The automotive maintenance kit put together by The Final Touch, and given to new car owners serviced by Owen's company includes car wash liquid, vinyl and leather enhancer, paint sealant renewer and carpet/fabric spot removers. Each carries a set of instructions on the back.

"Paint sealant is like suntan lotion," said Owen. "It's not bulletproof, but it's going to protect exterior paint against oxidation and ultraviolet rays of the sun. Even though there's been some bad press on paint sealant, we believe in it."

Those who perform their own exterior and interior maintenance should make certain to purchase a soft vinyl supplement that permeates the vinyl yet lets it breathe; an oil-based tire dressing (it doesn't wash off as quickly in rain and snow as the water-based); and the correct cleaner for their wheels. Aluminum wheels require one kind of cleaner, chrome needs another. In the case of those trendy \$3,000 mags, purchasers should ask their dealer to recommend just the right cleaner. Refinishing is costly.

To maintain its finish, your car should have a weekly washing, either by hand or at a touchless car wash. Make certain your car is cool and wash in the shade. Never use household detergents.

Eagle One's booklet says even "mild" dishwasher or laundry detergent can strip away your car's wax, leaving the paint dull and unprotected.

Use car-washing liquid, always in the recommended amount. After rinsing off loose surface soil with water, wash from the top down. Automobile wheels are covered with black brake dust, an unavoidable fact of motoring. You don't want this grime on anything, especially your wash mitt, so wash wheels last and use paper towels. Use a natural or synthetic chamois for drying your car or soft cotton cloths, such as cloth baby diapers.

It's recommended that you detail your automobile every six months. This can be done by a reliable auto detailer, your dealer (who may send it out or recommend someone), a car wash or you, if you're willing to expend elbow grease and time. A professional detailer will cost around \$300, and your car should get the works, guaranteed. A San Diego touchless carwash quoted \$130 for a job that includes carpet and vinyl cleaning, stain removal, cleaning of trunks and doorjambs, wax, Teflon sealant, polish and buffing, cleaning of wheels, grille and chrome polishing. If you choose to do it yourself, make certain you purchase the products best for your purposes.

The debate rages on the "right" products. If you're a computer owner and/or on-line, there are message boards to investigate containing others' experience and recommendations and righteous anger. Your local library will have helpful books, including James Joseph's "Auto Detailing: The Professional Way" (Chilton), and perhaps David H. Jacobs Jr.'s "Ultimate Auto Detailing" (Motorbooks International).

Your on-line newsstand or local supermarket may carry publications such as Car and Driver and Road and Track. Click and Click of the PBS radio show "Car Talk" have their own Web site at <http://cartalk.com>. The non-profit Car Care Council offers free pamphlets such as "An Annual Physical for Your Car."

and "How to Find Your Way Around the Car and Under the Hood" for a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Their address is One Grande Lake Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Many people swear by Meguiar's waxes and polishes. This company, too, has a Web site at <http://www.meguiars.com/mm-> Eagle One, another maker of numerous car care products, offers a helpful, 16-page booklet titled "Detailing Guide" that features a graphed schedule of interior and exterior maintenance, as well as suggestions through which you might become your own detail-

ing pro. Of course they're hoping you'll purchase their products.

The booklet may be purchased by mailing \$1 to Eagle One Industries, P.O. Box 4246, Dept. 102, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

Your exterior's worst enemies are: sun, moisture, sprinkler overspray, bird droppings and road and industrial fallout. As discussed, advocates of paint sealants say such products protect against ultraviolet rays. Sealants may also protect against the alkalinity found in bird droppings and sprinklers (many of which utilize recycled water, especially at municipal parks and recreation facilities).

If your automobile is victim to sprinklers or birds, remove such fallout immediately. In the case of bird droppings, a moist rag should be laid over the offending morsel for a time to soften it prior to rinsing off. This helps to avoid scratching the paint. Sprinkler overspray that hasn't been allowed to bake on the paint surface may be removed by hosing the spot, soaping, rinsing and drying. For spots that have baked on, Latrach recommends polishing the cleaned surface with new car wax. Eagle One recommends a soft terry towel, spot dampened with a little white vinegar.

Your car may be covered with two weeks' worth of road grime, last week's bird droppings and yesterday's sprinkler overspray. Your bumper may have black marks on the painted, pliable surface, put there by some parking clod. You may have garbage in your utility trays and road grime in your spare-tire well.

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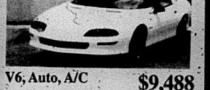
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Chrysler is breaking up its full-size triplets: Concorde/Intrepid/Vision.

The Chrysler Concorde and Dodge Intrepid, due out in late fall, will bow with a significantly new look.

The Eagle Vision isn't included in this redesign but will get its own treatment, along with a new sister model, the Chrysler 300M. They will bow later in the year with the redesigned LHS as 1999s.

Concorde is supposed to reflect a more classic influence in design with a touch of Ferrari or Aston Martin showing through in the low, wide grille, Chrysler says.



Intrepid will move more solidly into the sports sedan category, with a more aggressive look than Concorde.

Both will be drivers' cars with two new, more-powerful, more fuel-efficient and cleaner-burning aluminum engines: a standard 200-hp, 2.7-liter, 24-valve, double overhead cam V-6 (vs. last year's 161-hp, 3.3-liter, overhead valve V-6) or 220 hp, 3.2-liter, 24-valve SOHC V-6 (vs. the old 214-hp, 3.5-liter SOHC V-6).

For performance, Intrepid

gets an AutoStick four-speed transmission and an option for stiffer springs and firmer shock absorbers.

Major changes to the basic LH design were aimed at the chassis to further trim noise, vibration and harshness.

Included in the modifications were cross-car beams at the front and rear suspension towers and instrument panel area for a more rigid body. And a more rigid body means the engineers can soften the suspension for a smoother, quieter ride.

Significant safety-changes include high-strength steel replacing mild steel for front/rear chassis rails, side door pillars for greater impact resistance and stepped rear door sills to help block rear door intrusion during side impact.

As for Vision and 300M, they are virtually the same body style, with different trim and exterior moldings. These two will be a bit shorter than Concorde/Intrepid with less trunk space.

The 300M - named for the letter-series Chryslers of the '50s that were chromed icons of performance and panache - will be Chrysler's luxury-class car for its overseas markets. Both cars will run with a new 3.5-liter, V-6 all-aluminum engine.

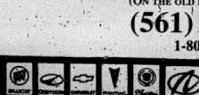
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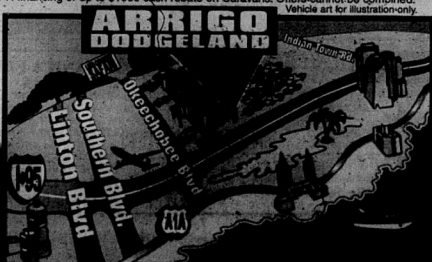
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